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Farewell to the XO

After 31 years of faithful service to the Marine Corps and the Marines who surrounded him, the Station executive officer has bid farewell.

Lt. Col. Walter C. Driver, Jr., a New Jersey native, enlisted in the Marine Corps in August of 1971, as a calibration technician. In May of 1973, Driver was ordered to Marine Corps Base Quantico as an officer candidate under the Marine Corps Commissioning Program.

After receiving a commission as a second lieutenant in July of 1973, Driver reported to The Basic School and was selected for the flight-training program. He was designated a Naval Aviator in June of 1975.

Driver's duty stations include Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron-264, Marine Corps Air Station New River, 1st battalion 8th Marine regiment Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune and MCAS Iwakuni.

Driver reported back to MCAS New River in October of 1997, where he served as the executive officer until June 7.

Driver has over 5,900 total flight hours in his nearly 20 years of flying. His awards include the Meritorious Service Medal with one gold star, Joint Meritorious Unit award and the National Defense Service Medal with two gold stars.

Driver is married to the former Elia Piloto of Mickleton, N.J. and they have one son, Charlie, who is currently a midshipman at the Naval Academy.

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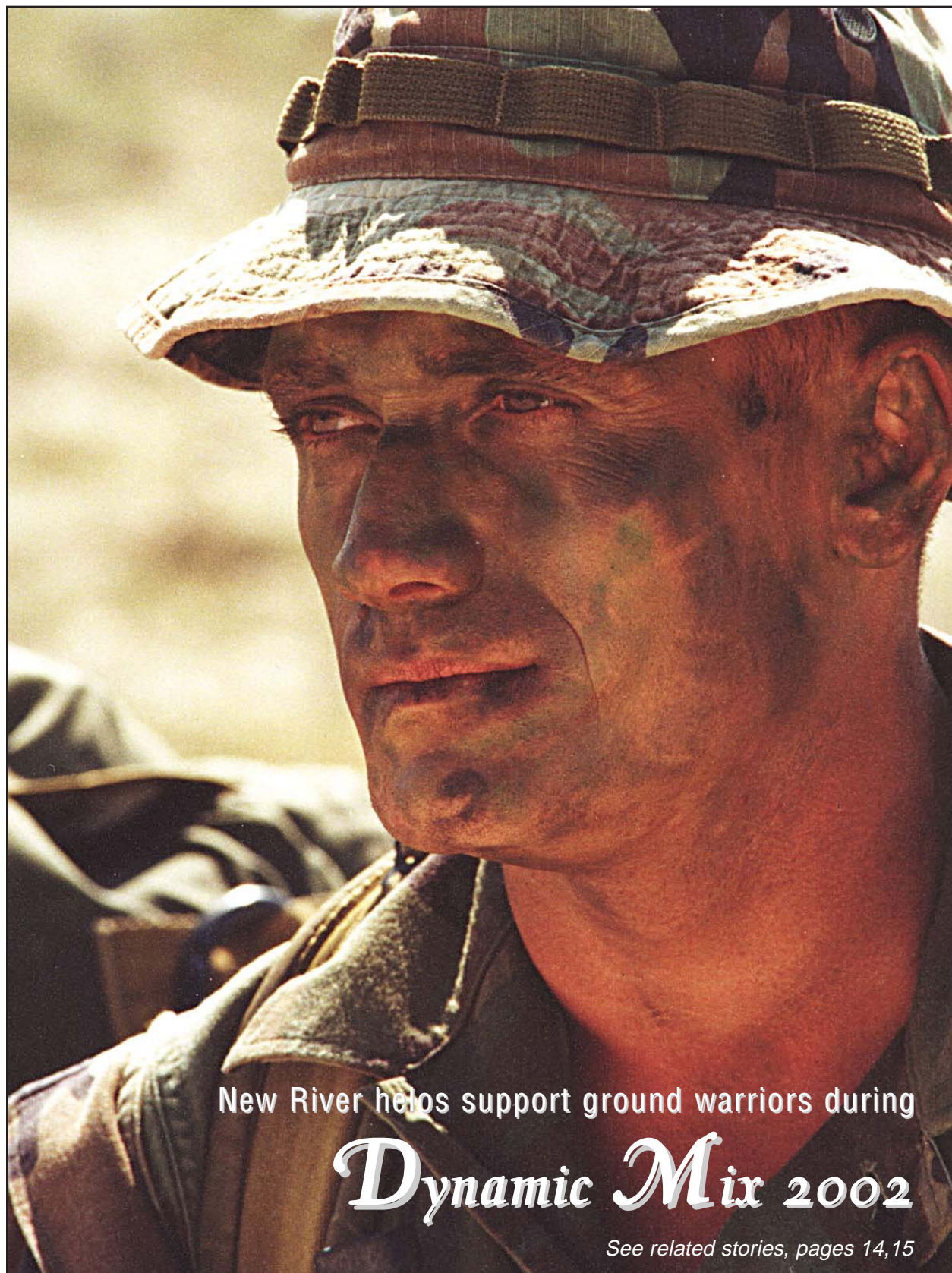


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Briefs

Blood Donations Needed

The American Red Cross is in serious need of blood donations. The blood supply has reached a critical level and if the organization does not receive donations they may be unable to provide help during an emergency situation. Those with type O blood are in extreme demand.

Marine Corps Exceptional Family Member Assistance Fund

Currently there are about 5,000 Marine Corps families enrolled in the Exceptional Family Member Program. The program is designed to provide assistance to family members with special needs before, during and after relocation due to Permanent Change of Station orders.

An exceptional family member is defined as an authorized family member residing with the sponsor who may require special medical or educational services based upon a diagnosed physical, intellectual or emotional handicap such as Asthma, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation, Dyslexia, ADD, ADHD, Autism, Oppositional Defiant Disorder, or Depression. Disabilities may range from mild to severe.

The Marine Corps Exceptional Family Member Assistance Fund has awarded 21 grants totaling \$31,964 over the past two years. The grants were made possible through generous private and corporate charitable donations. The fund was established through the Community Foundation for the National Capital Region, to help meet the needs of disabled Marine Corps family members. All donations made to the fund are used to assist Marine Corps special needs families.

While the Marine Corps cannot solicit donations, those wishing to make a tax-deductible charitable contribution can do so by contacting the Community Foundation for the National Capital Region at (202) 955-5890.

Marine Corps Officer Special Education Program

The Marine Corps is looking for officers interested in consideration for the fiscal year 2003 special education program (SEP).

The SEP annually selects officers to participate in a fully funded graduate education program. Participation in SEP prepares officers for duty in validated, required billets located throughout Headquarters Marine Corps, the shore establishment, and joint and external commands requiring officers with a masters degree level education.

The SEP primarily sends officers to the Naval Postgraduate School whose sole purpose is to increase the combat effectiveness of the Navy and Marine Corps.

The SEP selection board convenes Oct. 8, however, the application deadline is Aug. 2. Applications will only be accepted for certain disciplines. Officers selected will be ordered to school in calendar year 2003. SEP incurs a three-year service obligation for one year of education. Over one year of education incurs a four-year service obligation.

For a listing of the specific disciplines and application requirements, refer to Marine Administrative Message 304/02 or contact the graduate education officer or graduate education coordinator at DSN 278-9284 or commercial (703) 784-9284.

Free Beginners/Advanced Motorcycle Courses

Marines wanting to attend the beginners and experienced motorcycle courses offered at Coastal Carolina Community College can now attend the classes for free. Personnel attending must get a voucher from the safety office prior to attending the class. Safety will only pay for the class once. Because the money is non-refundable, if a Marine does not show for class, he will incur the expense when he reschedules.

Students attending the Basic Rider Course must possess a valid driver's license and be able to balance a bike. Protective gear must be worn at all times. This includes helmet, long sleeve shirt, long trousers, full-finger gloves, over-the-ankle footwear and eye protection. The class time is a total of 23 hours beginning on a Friday from 5 - 10 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Students in the Experienced Rider Course must own a street legal motorcycle and pass the T-clock inspection by the instructor. Attendees must also provide proof of ownership, proof of insurance and motorcycle license endorsement. Protective gear is required. The class time is a total of 11 hours beginning on a Friday from 5 - 10 p.m. and Saturday from 7 a.m. - 1 p.m.

For more information, contact Marie Silence, New River safety specialist, at DSN 752-5440/6143 or commercial at 449-5440/6143.

Women Marines Association Biennial Convention

The Women Marines Association will host their Biennial Convention and symposium Aug. 29 through Sept. 3 at the Marriott City Center, 30 South 7th Street, Minneapolis, Minn.

The WMA celebrates the past contributions of women to the Corps and provides a support network for mentoring Marines serving on active duty today. The WMA 2002 Convention theme is "The Greatest Generation - Passing the Sword." Gen. Michael J. Williams, Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps and Robin L. Higgins, Department of Veterans Affairs Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs, will be featured speakers at the convention.

There will be special sessions for active duty women Sept. 1 that will include a panel discussion on career progression, presentation of a new mentoring/coaching program under development at HQMC, and linking Marines with coaches/mentors.

WMA works in the community to promote patriotism by supporting local veterans groups, recruiters and MCJROTC, as well as preserving the history of women Marines. Its members serve as role models and mentors for new and future Marines. The WMA supports the mission of the Marine Corps by sponsoring activities throughout the year that focus on the traditions and values of leadership that the Marine Corps promotes.

Membership in WMA is open to all women serving or having served honorably in the U.S. Marine Corps or the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve. Additional information on the association is available at www.womenmarines.org or by calling 1-888-525-1943.



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News

MV-22 Osprey resumes flying

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NAVAIR V-22 Public Affairs

NAVAL AIR SYSTEMS COMMAND, Patuxent River, Md. -The MV-22 Osprey took to the skies May 29, here for the first time after being grounded for over 17 months following the tragic Dec. 11, 2000 mishap.

The first MV-22 test aircraft to resume flying has improvements in its hydraulic and flight control software systems that make it practically a brand new aircraft and the safest Osprey yet, according to V-22 program officials.

"The long awaited return to flight was a success. The Osprey not only performed what today's test plan called for but exceeded our wildest expectations," said Col. Dan Schultz, V-22 program manager. Today's flight plan called for the aircraft to take off, hover, and land. After successfully completing several vertical takeoffs, landings, and hovering maneuvers over the runway, the pilots conducted rearward and sideward flights to check the aircraft's maneuverability in helicopter mode. The pilots gradually built up maneuver speeds up and down the runway, went into landing pattern circuits and

began conversion work. Later in the afternoon, the Osprey's encore performance included a full conversion to airplane mode at level flight speeds of 250 knots. The Osprey logged nearly two and one half hours of flight time today and returned in full up flight status.

Tom MacDonald and Bill Leonard, senior Bell Boeing V-22 Integrated Test Team pilots, who have a combined total of 13,000 flight hours in both fixed and rotary wing aircraft and over 500 hours each in the MV-22, took the aircraft through a series of maneuvers to evaluate its handling and performance. Part of this series included converting out from helicopter to airplane mode to take standard vibration measurements used to check out the tracking and balance of the individual blades of the two proprotors. This "test card" for the first flight series follows the Osprey's methodical and event driven approach to safely return the aircraft to flight testing.

"Along with everyone else on the V-22 test team, we are excited about being back in the flight test business. We are proud of the extensive safety and reliability enhancements to the Osprey's design, which was made



Official photo

possible by the concerted efforts of many people throughout the NAVAIR, Bell Boeing, Rolls Royce and supporting contractor teams," asserted MacDonald.

Leonard shares the excitement of being back in the air and moving forward with flight testing. "I'm dedicated to the concept and believe tilt-rotor technology will be as important to aviation as the advent of the jet engine. This aircraft has potential that we in the aviation community have yet to understand let alone exploit. I've been actively engaged in military and civilian aviation for over 35 years, flown well over 100 different aircraft and truly believe that this technology, if exploited properly, will impact both civil and military aviation to an incredible degree," he said.

In preparation for today's flight, several days of aircraft ground runs and a systems checkout were con-

ducted so both pilots would have further opportunity to re-acquaint themselves with the V-22 cockpit prior to the actual flight. "To ensure that no stone has been left unturned in our pursuit of safety and excellence, the entire process was structured and viewed by the V-22 Integrated Test Team as a true first flight, almost as if the aircraft had never flown before and was making its maiden flight," said MacDonald.

As part of the training for this flight, Macdonald and Leonard had a dress rehearsal simulation at the Manned Flight Simulator which allowed them to practice the first flight following the actual test cards and procedures developed for it with the telemetry room engineering team directing the flight and monitoring the progress and instrumentation in the control room.

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Exercise remains integral part of MAG 29 training

Cpl. Andrew W. Miller

Combat Correspondent

CAMP DAVIS, N.C. - Constant changes are being made to improve military training around the globe. What is usually an exercise focused on training for combat against smaller forces, Marine Aircraft Group 29's most recent Carolina Thunder exercise presented a new training mission at Camp Davis Airfield, June 12.

"For the first time, we integrated with the Mid-Atlantic Tactical Aircrew Combat Training System out of Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point to make the training more realistic," said 1st Lt. Donnie Coleman, MAG 29 intelligence officer.

MATACTS brought in five T-72 tanks and two ZSU 23-4 radar guided anti-aircraft artillery.



Cpl. Andrew W. Miller

A CH-53E Super Stallion aircraft from MAG 29, prepares to egress after a simulated insertion of infantrymen.

"Training has to be as real as possible to prepare for the future," said Capt. Dameon Green, MAG 29 operations officer. "Having MATACTS with us, the pilots will react differently and more cautiously because they can actually see the enemy."

Even though the ground troops were not available, this exercise simulated a mock insertion of approximately 250 Marines on the airfield at Camp Davis. With MATACTS on the scene, this was to be some of the most realistic training with realistic enemy resistance.

With a plan and a mission, four AH-1W Super Cobras from the "blue team" left Marine Corps Air Station New River en-route to Camp Davis where the "red team" had invaded. The Cobra's mission was to take out any and all air defense and armored vehicles.

The Cobras, upon reaching the vicinity of Camp Davis, received radar warnings that they were being painted or targeted and in a few short

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NCOs choose Corps reforms

Sgt. Daryl G. Sanford
Marine Corps Base Quantico

Editor's Note: The following is an excerpt from the original article. The full article can be found on the Marine Corps website at www.usmc.mil.

MARINE CORPS BASE QUANTICO, Va.(May 31) -- The Corps' best noncommissioned officers gathered at Quantico last week and decided on 18 ways to improve the Corps.

Units from around the world chose their best Marines to decide on these issues. Many won their unit's noncommissioned officer of the year or quarter boards before their selection to this Noncommissioned Officer Symposium.

Prior to their arrival, the NCOs gathered more than 90 topics of concern at their units and submitted them to the office of the Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps.

At the start of the symposium, the Marines were given classes on major topics affecting the Corps.

The final classes the Marines were given were not to impart knowledge on them, but to help them think of imaginative and creative ways to help solve the issues.

After the classes and the team building exercises, the Marines were split into four groups, each with their own set of recommendations, with assistance from the Organizational Development Section to guide them.

When the final list was completed, the NCOs briefed their findings to Sgt. Maj. Alford L. McMichael, Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps.

After the close of the symposium, McMichael presented the concerns to Gen. James L. Jones, who will make the final decision on each topic. Although the official message will be posted this year, the topics chosen by the NCO's are listed below as presented.

Body Fat Measurement Method

Discussion: Current method of body fat measurement (taping) is inaccurate. Current measuring method does not take into consideration an individual's frame size (i.e., bone structure). Using a caliper would take into consideration total body fat composition.

Recommendation: The Marine Corps should employ the caliper and do away with the taping method.

Height Standards

Discussion: The current Marine Corps Orders (MCO 6100.10B w/ch 1-4 and MCO 1610.7E) do not offer weight guidance for all Marines.

Recommendation: Implement weight guidance for Marines that are shorter/taller than the reference.

Marine Rifle Qualifications

Discussion: All Marines should be afforded the opportunity to sustain and improve marksmanship training.

Recommendation: Require all Marines to qualify on the range to the extent of using other services' facilities (non-accommodating special duties exempt), i.e. MSG duty or MARFOREUR.

Martial Arts/Swim Qualification

Discussion: Associate programs with promotion, to ensuring sustainment of those programs

Recommendation: Include in IRAM and PES Manual more guidance on the evaluation of MCMAP/swim qualification as it pertains to assigning proficiency marks and Fitness Reports.

College loan repayment as enlistment incentive for the Marine Corps

Reference: Army Regulation 621-202; www.af.mil; and www.navy.mil

Discussion: As a part of their enlistment incentives, all other branches of the service offer to repay college loans acquired prior to entering the service. Repayment depends on the length of the contract signed, and bonuses are still an additional option. This would help the Marine Corps enlist high quality individuals, as well as benefit our Recruiting teams. There are many people that have incurred a large debt due to college loans. This is beneficial to the individual as well as an excellent enlistment incentive.

Recommendation: Match or better the offers of other services to repay college loans as an enlistment incentive.

Base housing application process for inbound/incoming Marines

Discussion: Current base housing procedures require inbound Marines to physically report to apply for housing upon checking in. Marines often get on a six-month - two year waiting list.

Recommendation: Implement a Marine Corps system to allow Marines, (who desire) who are in receipt of orders to apply for housing (on-line/FAX) prior to reporting. Marines would be placed on a waiting list prior to arrival. This program would allow an easier transition. This process would not guarantee the Marine a house but offer the opportunity of housing prior to arrival and help in an effective coordination of transition.

Expansion of Career Degree Program

Discussion: Due to deployment and operational commitments it is difficult for Marines to attain a degree in a timely manner. This could serve as an incentive, but not guaranteed due to the screening process.

Recommendation: Expand SNCO degree program to include NCOs that are career Marines.



Sgt. Daryl G. Sanford

Several of the Marine Corps' best noncommissioned officers participated in a recent NCO symposium in Washington, D.C. to discuss issues on ways to better improve the Marine Corps.

Ability to purchase running shoes on UCDPP

Discussion: Not all uniform shops carry running shoes. Those that do carry shoes have a limited variety.

Recommendation: Have all uniform shops carry running shoes so they can be purchased on UCDPP. Authorize purchase of any style or brand of running shoe.

Child-care Funding

Discussion: Insufficient child care facilities to accommodate family members. Insufficient funding. Long waiting lists. Marines have to rely on local childcare facilities

Recommendation: Increase funding to build bigger and more consistent Child Care facilities to adequately support military members requiring this service.

Special Duty Assignment

Discussion: MC Order P1326.6D, Chapter 1, paragraph 1000, 1.a. currently refers to MSG and Security Forces as a side note rather than including these duties in the heart of the statement along with DI and Recruiter. Chapter 1000, 1.e. currently excludes Marine Security Forces.

Opinions

Servicemembers need more input in determining military action, policies

Cpl. Theresa E. Seng
Combat Correspondent



An issue has recently come up in the Army involving the Reconnaissance, Surveillance and Target Acquisition (RSTA) squadrons that has raised a lot of eyebrows in Washington, D.C.

Eight female soldiers were training with the unit, but were removed from the squadrons

April 26 because of pressure from the Center for Military Readiness.

The squadron's original mission when it was formed in 1999 was to gather information on the ground, and due to the advances in the War on Terrorism it became clear that these squadrons would be ideal for use in Afghanistan working with infantry troops.

The decision to remove female soldiers from these squadrons was made March 8 after Elaine Donnelly, CMR president, met with Paul Wolfowitz, Deputy Defense Secretary, at the Pentagon.

The CMR has been battling the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Military on this issue for some time because the DACOWITS supports females in combat military occupational specialties and the CMR believes that females in those jobs would interfere with mission accomplishment and endanger lives of soldiers.

The CMR is an archaic group composed of a

31-member board of advisors with only four of its members being female. Only one of the four females has served on active duty. The majority of the board is comprised of former military officers most of whom retired in the early 80s. Its archival, the DACOWITS, is a tax-funded, feminist power base within the Department of Defense primarily composed of civilian women.

The DACOWITS continues to urge the DOD that all-male, tip-of-the-spear combat units be made "politically correct" by including women, and the RSTA squadrons were a small victory for the organization.

Members of the CMR believe that "gender integration" into special operational units such as RSTA would "require compromises in training that could cause missions to fail and lives to be needlessly lost." They also believe that making these squadrons "politically correct" by including women has "eroded morale and readiness in the military, complicated missions, and endangered lives."

The fact that the Army has trained women in squadrons such as these could mean that eventually the Marine Corps could be affected by a move such as this, including female Marines in more combat-oriented MOS's.

There are many female military personnel who are satisfied with the DOD policy excluding women from areas of direct combat, but there are also those males who would prefer not to be in direct combat, and that is why there are administrative jobs in the military.

Anyone who joins any branch of the military and thinks there is no way they would ever be

forced into a combat situation is sadly mistaken and they really don't belong in an occupation that involves defending a country that is a world power.

The fact that these female soldiers were a part of an MOS such as RSTA is a great accomplishment on their part. A change in mission after the implementation of the squadron shouldn't give grounds to remove those females who underwent the same strenuous training as their male counterparts. They "made the cut," trained alongside men and were fully aware of the dangers of their job. If these women were handling the requirements of their job, they should be given a chance to prove that some women are perfectly capable of successfully filling a combat role just as some men aren't.

There were no major incidents involving mishaps in training, which disproved the CMR belief that women under these circumstances compromised training and caused missions to fail and lives to be needlessly lost.

The DOD is taking advice from the CMR and the DACOWITS on issues of major importance such as this, but really, these boards aren't qualified. The CMR is a group predominantly of males from the "old-school" belief that the only role women should serve in the military are as camp followers, and the DACOWITS is primarily civilian feminists.

The DOD should look to the people within to find answers to these issues. Active duty men and women, as well as reservists, are the best people to

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Believing in yourself combats self-defeat

Cmdr. Howard Lee Marshall
Command Chaplain

It seems to me, the most oft-repeated, self-defeating phrase I know is "That's the way I am." These words are more frequently uttered by many counselors than any other. They indicate a condition of self-acceptance that is limited to one's experience of himself or herself. They express a definition of restriction and boundary, which indicates a lack of awareness of the possibility of change and growth.

It is sad to meet people who have given up on themselves by believing

so strongly in their own limitations. Some of their definitions were given to them or set for them by others, parents, teachers and some other authority figures. These words can shut a person up to himself so that the vast inner reaches of his soul remain unexplored. It can establish the rules for all relationships so that freshness, excitement and newness are eliminated. "That's the way I am" is a litany of contraction and reduction ... very often a sad expression of resignation to one's fate that puts an end to exploration of any alternatives.

Our limitations are, generally, limits to belief rather than limits of

the human organism. Most adults have a tendency to fear their own abilities and potential to be greater. It's as though the subconscious part of us knows that if we recognize our innate capabilities we'll have to live up to them-or feel guilty.

Abraham Maslow called this "the Jonah complex" and said, "We fear our highest possibilities as well as our lowest ones. We are generally afraid to become that which we can glimpse in our most perfect moments."

As human beings, we utilize in the best of a lifetime less than 10 percent of our brain capacity and 15 per-

cent of the capacity of our nervous system. Man is continually doing "the impossible" by finding new ways to transcend what we call the laws of nature.

Strange miracles take place in the lives of those who deal honestly with their potential rather than their limitations. The next time you hear yourself say "That's the way I am," quickly rephrase it. Remind yourself that you do not have to be the way you are.

There's room for improvement and change. Try a new way, a fresh approach, and life will take on a new dimension. We call it growth!

News

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Today's flight marks the beginning of an 18-month developmental flight test plan here that will validate the engineering and design changes made to the aircraft and continue with develop-

mental testing that will further test such areas as vortex ring state boundaries, dynamic shipboard compatibility, formation flying, and low speed hovering and landing conditions. Other areas to be

tested include the aircraft's icing, cargo handling and radar warning systems. A total of 1,800 flight test hours are scheduled over this period of time using seven MV-22 aircraft.

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Recommendation: Revise MCO P1326.6D, Paragraph 1000, 1.a. Promotion Prospects. Delete the final sentence of the of the statement in the 'Briefing Instructions to the Staff Noncommissioned Officer Selection Boards.' Incorporate the two Special Duties referred to in that sentence into the heart of the statement. Revise MCO P1326.6D, Paragraph 1000, 1.e. Ribbons Entitle Marine Security Forces "B" billet holders to wear a ribbon that represents their respective special duty assignment

Government Visa surcharge

Discussion: Marines are currently charged \$10 surcharge to make a payment by phone. Some situations make it impossible for Marines to pay any other way. Unfair to have individual Marine pay the charge for a card they are required to use.

Recommendation: Get rid of the surcharge "penalty" either by eliminating it or by reimbursement.

Female Covers

Discussion: Costs to replace present Dress & Service covers is too much. Covers are not interchangeable - have to replace the entire cover. Covers have to be replaced often.

Recommendation: Change the material portion vice replacing the whole cover Change the design of the female dress covers so that they are easier to maintain

Uniforms

Discussion: Uniforms become unserviceable for various reasons; Field training, Day-to-day wear and tear. Current uniform allowances don't cover upkeep costs.

Recommendation: Develop a system that would allow a Marine to have a uniform item evaluated for replacement. Develop a one-for-one exchange system, with tracking, for all Marines.

Name Tags

Discussion: Having name tags make you more recognizable. Others can see our name and it is easier to remember.

Recommendation: Reinstate the nametags on the Charlies, Bravos and Deltas, for the uniform of the day.

Montgomery GI Bill

Discussion: Currently offered only during first week of recruit training. High stress environments are not conducive to making career decisions.

Recommendation: Offer MGIB twice, during recruiting process and during initial check-in to first permanent duty station

Standardizing Pro/Con Worksheet

Discussion: Proficiency and Conduct marks are inflated

Recommendation: Implement a standard pro and con worksheet that takes into consideration all aspect of Marine Corps training. Incorporate into MCO P1070.12 (IRAM)

TMO weight not proportionate to need

Discussion: A nine-year sergeant with three family members rates less TMO weight than a second lieutenant with one family member.

Recommendation: Adjust TMO weight to rely less on rank and more on time in service and number of family members.

Promotions for IRR Marines who have been activated

Discussion: No separate table for activated Marines. No system in place to show select grade. Activated Marines are promoted under SMCR table. Has been an issue since Desert Storm. Identified in September, but no MARADMIN yet.

Recommendation: Create a separate promotion table for IRR Marines who have been activated. Ensure that SMCR and AD quotas are not taken away. Provide promotion guidelines for IRR Marines who have been activated.



- ☒ Clean coils cost less. Check the condenser coils on your refrigerator at least twice a year, and keep them clean. Refrigerators, refrigerator/freezer, and freezer with dirty condenser coils (found on the back or bottom of the appliance) consume more energy.
- ☒ You're saving more than natural resources when you do your part to use energy wisely. Energy and water conservation deliver a wide range of additional benefits, including dollar savings, reduced pollutant emissions and increased productivity.
- ☒ The Federal government pays an \$8 billion annual energy bill. If all Federal agencies purchased energy-efficient products, the U.S. could save up to \$900 million per year and reduce annual greenhouse gas emissions by 11 million metric tons of carbon dioxide.
- ☒ Boosting the fuel efficiency of cars in the United States by a mere 1.5 miles-per-gallon would save more oil than is estimated to lie under the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.
- ☒ Replacing a 100-horsepower standard efficiency motor operating 6,240 hours with a high efficiency motor will save \$3,730 in annual electricity costs. If an existing motor fails and the repair cost is more than 60 percent of the price of a new energy-efficient motor, buy the new motor instead.
- ☒ You should regularly defrost manual-defrost refrigerators and freezers. Frost buildup increases the amount of energy needed to operate the appliance. Never allow frost to build up more than one-quarter of an inch.
- ☒ Why set your thermostat at a colder setting than normal when you turn on your air conditioner? It will NOT cool faster. It WILL cool to a lower temperature than you need and use more energy.
- ☒ Clear the air and save energy. To ensure efficient operation, clean or replace filters regularly on furnaces, air conditioners, and heat pumps.
- ☒ Producing glass from recycled glass rather than from raw materials reduces energy consumption by up to 32 percent, and related air pollution by 20 percent and water pollution by 50 percent. The energy saved from recycling one glass bottle will light a 100-watt bulb for four hours.
- ☒ Install low-flow aerators on kitchen and bathroom sink faucets to save water (and the energy used to produce hot water). Aerators will cut water usage by as much as 280 gallons a month for a typical family of four.

For what's going on aboard Marine Corps Air Station New River, check out our new and improved website at www.newriver.usmc.mil

Features

To MENTOR is divine

Program seeks volunteers to provide positive role models for trouble children

Sgt. Matthew O. Holly
Combat Correspondent

When life is all said and done it may not be relevant where people have been or what people have accomplished, but instead the significance may exist in knowing an individual has made a positive impact in the life of a child.

The Governor's One-On-One MENTORS Friends of 4-H Program is a program in which volunteers hope to make a difference in the lives of many children by providing them with a positive role model to love, encourage and steer them in the right direction.

"I hope to instill good moral values to my "little brother" Brandon who is 11 years old and is in need of a male role model since he currently does not have one," said Capt. Kevin S. Cortes, assistant operations officer for Marine Aircraft Group 26 and MENTORS volunteer. "I try to encourage him to be a better person and to have respect for his loved ones. I also motivate him to study hard and to stay away from the negative people that might bring him down."

The future of the MENTORS program holds many possibilities and has a lot of potential for growth and relations with the community and the Marine Corps, said Allison Sykes, Single Marines Program coordinator.

Eighty-five percent of the mentors are Marines who have given their time, energy and dedication for four hours a week for one year with a child in need. The SMP from New River is also assisting the MENTORS program with summer activities on the base. Allison Sykes and several representatives from different units are helping with the implementation and planning of events.

"The program director is efficiently soliciting local sponsors for events to raise money to promote the program and to incorporate monthly outings for all the mentors and the kids," said Cortes. "Some examples are volleyball tournaments, a day trip to King's Dominion, and an annual talent show. Basically, with the proper support and sponsorship, anything is possible."

The program sees a need in serving more troubled children and hopes to do this by

recruiting more mentors and expanding community involvement and support. This will help the success of many relationships that are built through the program.

The program works by getting youth referred to the MENTORS agency between the ages of seven and 17 by the court system, social services, law enforcement, teachers and parents.

"Ninety-five percent of the youth live in a single-parent home because of death, divorce, desertion or imprisonment. The children have little or no contact with the absent parent and are in need of a positive role model and friend," stated Kelly M. Myers, MENTORS program director. "Each child and family is asked to complete a thorough application and interview process to assess the needs of the individual child. Each prospective volunteer is also carefully screened."

The interview and screening process for volunteers involves a background and criminal check and the volunteers are required to provide a list of references.

"This screening is to ensure potential volunteers have no legal, mental and physical problems that may prohibit the individual to be a mentor," said Cortes.

After the volunteer screening process there is a six-hour class that must be taught to the mentors on how to be sensitive and aware of the needs of children.

Consideration is then given to the needs and interests to ensure the best possible compatibility between the children and volunteers. The matching is initiated by having the volunteer and the director meet at the child's home for the introduction process.

"Usually the volunteer and their new friend decide on an activity in which to begin to get to know one another," said Myers. "Most volunteers find children are eager to be friends and by spending a few hours together they mutually enjoy a relationship which provides the child with a greater sense of acceptance, well-being and self-worth."

People interested in volunteering with the MENTORS program must be 18-years old, have a minimum of four hours a week for one year to spend with a child and have a reliable source of transportation. For more information, contact Kelly Myers at 455-5873.



Cpl. Josh P. Vierela

Members of Naval Air Maintenance Training Marine Unit, New River pick up litter along the stretch of road adopted by the squadron for the Adopt-A-Highway Program

Training unit leaders conduct roadside cleanup

Sgt. Matthew O. Holly
Combat Correspondent

The State of North Carolina's Department of Transportation and Office of Beautification implemented a volunteer-based program in 1988 which focused on the state government working with citizens to assist in keeping the highways looking beautiful.

The Naval Air Maintenance Training Marine Unit aboard New River conducted a roadside cleanup recently along a two-mile section across from the Air Station as part of their commitment to the Adopt-A-Highway program.

"This is one of the many ways Marines can volunteer and give back to the community they live in," said Lt. Col. Ludovic M. Baudoin d'Ajoux, NAMTRAMAR Unit commanding officer. "It's our way of maintaining and supporting the community."

NAMTRAMAR Unit took the Adopt-A-Highway program as an opportunity for senior leaders to express how to lead by example. There were approximately 30 officers and staff non-commissioned officers who participated.

"No one is above participating," said Air Force Staff Sgt. Richard L. Buss, NAMTRAMAR Unit engine instructor. "It was great to see the leadership come together and set the example."

The Adopt-A-Highway program is a key component in controlling the litter problem in North Carolina. The volunteers save taxpayers approximately \$5 million each year in roadside cleanup. With 6,000 groups, 120,000 volunteers and 12,000 miles of adopted highway, North Carolina has one of the largest anti-litter programs in the nation.

For further information on the Adopt-A-Highway program, call the North Carolina Department of Transportation Beautification Programs at 1-800-3315864 or your local Adopt-A-Highway coordinator.

Features

Children learn 911, cell phone safety

Cpl. Andrew W. Miller
Combat Correspondent

From the time children are born, parents begin teaching them safety precautions and how to react in emergency situations. The use and importance of 911 has long been taught to children, but how many children would know what to do?

In support of wireless safety week, Beth Hill and Phyllis Lawrence, store managers of U.S. Cellular, held an educational class on the use of cellular phones at the Youth Center, May 22.

"Cell phones are serious, especially when you consider the fact that if a child doesn't know how to use one and it's the only phone the parent has, that child is doomed in an emergency situation," said Shantelle Britt, New River youth director.

Targeted toward elementary school children, kindergarten through second grade, the class, which is referred to as "Cellular Stars," consisted of fun activities such as singing to the tune of "Mary Had A Little Lamb," using phone safety coloring books and also hands-on practice making 911 emergency phone calls with instructional phones.

The concern comes from the thought that traditional land-line phones are more commonly seen and used by the children. What happens if an accident occurs and the child is left standing with a cellular phone and has never seen or used one before?

Knowing the proper way to place an emergency call not only from a home phone, but also from a cellular phone, could mean the difference between life and death.

Appropriate use was also stressed heavily upon during the class such as the proper information to tell the 911 dispatcher and how to decide which situations are considered emergency situations and which are not.

The children were put into different scenarios where Hill and Lawrence made "practice calls." These exercises helped the youngsters to practice the skills they were taught.

"Interaction with children is our biggest reward for heading these classes," said Hill. "Although this is a relatively simple subject, the younger they are when they learn these skills, the better prepared they will be in an emergency."

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be looking to for advice because they are the people who are putting their lives on the line for their country. They are the ones who get up day in and day out, put on their respective uniforms, and train with the pride of a nation behind them.

The DoD should use the power of common sense and develop a board of advisors comprised solely of men and women who are currently serving or who have recently served on active duty or reserve status in the past four years. Representatives of both enlisted and commissioned military members, because face it, they're on the same team, but it's two different world's.

Editor's note: The information used as sources for this editorial was gathered from the Center for Military Readiness website.

Job fair helps teens find summer employment

Cpl. Andrew W. Miller
Combat Correspondent

With Summer approaching, Jacksonville teens are going to be looking for things to do while school is out and some of them will be looking for ways to make a little extra cash. For those teens who wanted to spend their time wisely, a teen job fair was held at the Station Officer's Club, May 16.

Approximately 17 area organizations and businesses were in attendance and approximately 18 others sent applications for the teens. The different job skills represented included food, clothing, book and music distributors as well as Army and Marine Corps recruiters.

"Although this fair gives teenagers the opportunity to open their eyes to what this area has to offer, the employers are also looking for young people ready to join the

work force. They want kids that are educated and have good work habits," said Liz Schafer, local full staffing agent.

Job fairs such as this one accomplished more than one task. Job fairs help the young adults act more professional by getting a taste of what a real job interview will be like in the future.

Some businesses opted to send applications, but others actually had representatives to talk to the interested teenagers.

"Letting the children be themselves and gain employment in this manner will help them when they get older and take on more responsibility and higher positions in the job market," said Karen Slack, prevention and education coordinator.

"Through participation and community involvement, job fairs and similar activities can help the youth of the Air Station, not only better themselves, but the Jacksonville community as well," Slack explained.

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Dress Rehearsal

Reservists gear up for deployment possibility

Pfc. Misty D. Salinas
Combat Correspondent

Five hundred and sixty seven Marine and Sailor reservists, from the 1st Battalion, 24th Marines, 4th Marine Division out of Detroit, arrived at New River, June 7.

The infantry battalion is aboard Station until June 21, to conduct their annual two-week training.

"It is a great opportunity for us, being on a Marine Corps base, to be able to take advantage of the facilities available to complete training," said Lt. Col. John Lowry, commanding officer, 1st Battalion, 24th Marines.

"The Station has been real accommodating to us," said Maj. William L. Ray commanding officer Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 24th Marines.

"When organizations such as the chow hall and the PX [Marine Corps Exchange] found out there were 567 Marines and Sailors coming aboard Station, they were great about making sure we were taken care of. The Station took care of all of our billeting needs."

Some of the training to be conducted will include swim qualifications, rappel tower and Marine Corps Martial Arts Training.

"All of the Marines will be tan belt certified before we leave," said Lowry.

The Marines will also be attending classes and refresher training before conducting live fire maneuvers on weapons systems, said Gunnery Sgt. Freddie Cox, battalion administration chief.

In addition to general training, Marines will attend training specific to their military occupational specialty. These classes and practical application instruction will include scout sniper and crew-served weapons.



Pfc. Misty D. Salinas

Lance Cpl. Jeremy Miu, rifleman 1st Battalion, 24th Marines, prepares to execute a 90-degree pivot and fire two rounds.

was a culmination of the different training the Marines have been going through since arriving.

"Three of the main things I wanted the Marines to get out of this is for them to push hard and train hard, be safe and to have fun and enjoy the privilege of wearing the uniform," said Lowry.

The Marines took the opportunity to maximize use of MCB Camp Lejeune's ranges. Weapons systems fired included the AT4, M203 40mm grenade launcher, M16A2 service rifle and the M249 squad assault weapon (SAW.)

In addition, the Marines will be going through Military Operations in Urban Terrain training, which is learning different fighting maneuvers unique to an urban environment.

The Marines began their battalion FINEX (final exercise) on Sunday. The FINEX



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Cpl. David Vargas (left) and Cpl. Joseph Okos, 1st Battalion, 24th Marines, helped coordinate an airstrike between two AV-8B Harriers II, from MCAS Cherry Point, and mortars on the ground.

"Since we only get to come together as a battalion once a year for active duty training, we are making the most of this opportunity to hone our 'war fighting' skills," said Lowry. "Given the current situation with terrorists, there is a high probability that the next time we are called together it could be to deploy."

"This is our dress rehearsal for the real show," said Lowry.



Sgt. Christine C. Odom

The Silent Drill Team performed aboard the Air Station, May 20.

Drill Team performs for Station crowd

Sgt. Christine C. Odom
Combat Correspondent

Hundreds of spectators watched in amazement as the Silent Drill Platoon, the Marine Drum and Bugle Corps, and Color Guard took to the field and strutted their stuff at the Station Fitness Center field, May 20.

While on their tour of the East Coast, New River was one of the many stops that received a flawless performance from the Silent Drill Team. One can only imagine the pride and inspiration

the audience felt while watching the combined performance given by the Silent Drill Platoon and the Marine Drum and Bugle Corps. The Washington D.C., based unit specializes in music, drill manual and rifle manual.

The hour-long program began with the Marine Drum and Bugle Corps performing a six-song concert, followed by a 12-minute performance from the Silent Drill Platoon. For the finale, the Color Guard marched out with the colors for the Honor Sequence, which completed the program.

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Naval officer wears two hats

Cpl. Andrew W. Miller
Combat Correspondent

Curing illnesses and saving lives describes your average Navy corpsman, but flight surgeons "fly" the extra mile to ensure the health and wellness of our Marines.

A flight surgeon is a licensed physician who goes on to take pilot training.

Raised in Adams, Tenn. and finishing grade-school in Roundup, Mont., Lt. Jamie C. Goodman began his education at David Lipscomb University with a Bachelor's Degree in Biology and then earned a Doctor of Osteopathy (D.O.) from Des Moines University in Iowa.

After his internship in family practice at the Naval Hospital in Jacksonville, Fl., he attended flight surgeon school and pilot school in Pensacola, and finished his training in combat trauma in San Antonio.

With complete support of his family and friends, Goodman was now bound for Jacksonville once again, this time Jacksonville, N.C.

"I am the oldest of seven children and the honor and prestige of being in the military could not have been achieved without having excellent role models at home, school and church," said Goodman.

Coming to New River as the Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron-264 flight surgeon, Goodman not only cares for the Marines of his squadron, but also pilots CH-46E Sea Knights to put a twist on his military occupational specialty in the medical field.

"With flight surgeons in the air with us, med-

ical aid is much more convenient," said Sgt. Tyrell M. White, HMM-264 enlisted aircrew noncommissioned officer. "They learn to work at a fast tempo especially during medical evacuations situations." At any given time, flight surgeons must be prepared for anything from minor surgery, trauma and fluid resuscitation to personal situations such as dealing with possible suicides.

"We always hate to see disasters but in such a case, we are prepared to react," Goodman explained.

During a conflict or war situation, flight surgeons must ensure medical readiness remains above 95 percent and that only the most capable Marines are placed on the tip of the spear.

"I deal with a lot of cases such as suicide attempts, but one of the hardest things for me to do is ground a motivated Marine who is volunteering to work and risk his life," said Goodman.

Working side-by-side with Marines, Goodman has developed an appreciation for the high expectations and standards of the Marine Corps. Not only do these standards challenge him as a Navy flight surgeon, but also the complexities of flying a military aircraft.

"I had a great uncle who was a P-38 pilot in World War II," explained Goodman. "Listening to his countless stories of raids over Europe encouraged me to fly."

Although they may be of a different military service, flight surgeons can find themselves in leadership positions.

"My guys know that I'm there for them when they are down. They bear their souls to me," said Goodman.



Cpl. Andrew W. Miller

Aboard a CH-46 E Sea Knight, Navy Lt. Jamie C. Goodman, Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron-264 flight surgeon, ensures that only 'the most capable pilots and aircrew are placed on the tip of the spear.'

Despite all of the responsibility and knowing that Marines lives rest in his hands, Goodman said that if he had to do it over, he would eagerly choose this MOS again.

Goodman takes great pride in being a part of HMM-264.

"I love being a 'Black Knight'," he exclaimed.

Student receives first Fallen Friends Memorial Scholarship

Dan Ryan, USMC, Ret.
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TRENTON, NC - The first Fallen Friends Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Ms. Tarasha Lloyd, of Maysville, NC, during the awards ceremony at Jones Senior High School, May 16.

The \$500 scholarship was made possible when nearly 200 participants spent a Saturday morning last September in Maysville, N.C. walking and running a 5km road race and one mile fun walk in honor of their "Fallen Friends."

The "Fallen Friends Memorial Scholarship" was established to serve as a means to honor and to remember the Marines who tragically lost their lives when the MV-22 Osprey they were flying crashed in Hoffman Forest, Dec. 11, 2000. The scholarship is dedicated to the memory of; Sgt. Jason A. Buyck, Staff Sgt. Avelly W. Runnels, Maj. Michael Murphy, and Lt. Col Keith M. Sweaney, our Fallen Friends.

The driving force that put the race together and established the scholarship was Patty Buyck, the wife of Sgt. Jason Buyck.

Buyck worked with the Jones Senior High School officials to identify a student that deserved to be awarded the first scholarship. In identifying the recipient of the "Fallen Friends Memorial Scholarship" Buyck asked the school to find a student that shared the qualities she found in her husband. She wanted the scholarship to go to a student that; "got along well with others, was a hard worker, had an outstanding personality, didn't necessarily follow the crowd and was willing to try new things."

Llyod, who will be attending

North Carolina Central University in the fall, was surprised when it was announced that she would be awarded the scholarship. "I was sitting with the other students in the audience when Mr. Henderson said my name," she said. "I couldn't believe it!"

I had been worrying about how I was going to come up with the money to pay for college and this scholarship is the "answers to my prayers," she said. "I just want to thank everyone who made this possible, it is really going to help. It's my hope that doing well in school will help keep their memory alive," she added.

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L.I.N.K.S., Key Volunteer programs ease military deployment process

Pfc. Misty D. Salinas
Combat Correspondent

The leap to the 21st century has not left Marine Corps families behind.

With the implementation of programs, such as Lifestyles, Insights, Networking, Knowledge and Skills (LINKS) and the Key Volunteers network, fused with the latest technology, Marine Corps families are now able to maintain better communication with their deployed loved ones.

In the past, families communicated with the Marines through "snail mail," sent through the post office. Now families can communicate through e-mail, digital photos, ship-to-shore phones and video teleconferencing.

"E-mail has been the greatest," said Linda Desens, Key Volunteer advisor for Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron-261, and wife of Lt. Col. Mark Desens, HMH-261. "It allows the spouses to get immediate responses to issues that arise at home, versus 'snail mail' where it took weeks just to get to the Marines and back. By that time the issue had already past."

In addition to dealing with issues, it allows the Marines the ability to touch base with their families on a constant basis. It allows couples to stay close and keep the lines of communication open.

Most deployed Marines have an e-mail address and access to computers aboard ship. Spouses who don't have computers can get access to e-mail at the local Key Volunteer centers, the United Service Organizations and base libraries.

E-mail or websites provide a means to send and receive digital pictures. Marines aboard ship have access to digital cameras, and a lot of pictures are posted on the squadron website to help make them more accessible, said Desens.

On some of the larger ships, video teleconferencing has been put through "trial and error."

"It has received mixed reviews," said Desens. "For the Marine who got to see his baby for the first time live, it was wonderful, but for those who had bad reception or didn't get to use it at all, it wasn't so wonderful."

Along with enjoying the perks of the information age, the downfalls



Pfc. Misty D. Salinas

After completing the Lifestyles, Insights, Networking, Knowledge and Skills course, the spouses have a small graduation ceremony.

must be endured as well. As with anything sent through cyberspace, the ability to send and receive depends on the operations of systems and satellites.

E-mail is great and fast, but there is still something special and timeless about a handwritten letter as well, said Tammy Burgess, LINKS mentor.

"Mail call" is still an anticipated part of the day for the Marines.

Staying in contact is not the only obstacle to overcome during deployment. For spouses and families, dealing with their Marine being gone can be an emotional roller coaster. One

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OWC benefits charities, awards scholarships

Cpl. Theresa E. Seng
Combat Correspondent

Each year the Officer's Wives' Club, a non-profit organization aboard the Air Station, does countless fund-raisers to benefit the New River community. Some organizations the OWC donates money to are the Navy Marine Corps Relief Society, the Red Cross and LINKS, but they also recognize and reward individuals for their efforts.

The OWC aided Marines and their families by awarding scholarships to deserving students, high school seniors and spouses, during a meeting held at the Officer's Club, May 21.

This year the OWC raised over \$14,000 for charities in the community and \$6,650 of that money was put toward helping alleviate the cost of college tuition for family members of Marines who are stationed, retired from, or died while stationed at New River, said Kim Johnson, OWC scholarship

chairperson. This year, in conjunction with First Command Financial Planning organization, there will be 10 scholarships awarded.

According to Jen Schiller, OWC treasurer, approximately \$5,000 a year is raised, but this year holds the record. Because of this record more scholarships could be awarded.

In order for students to receive a piece of the pie, they fill out an application and a scholarship committee grades each application anonymously. The students are then ranked according to grade and the top three are picked. The scholarship is available to the children of officers and junior enlisted, as well as spouses who are graduate students working toward their master's degree.

This year's recipients were, Kristi Grant; Sarah Burlingame; Sarah Denning; Courtney Burlingame; all seniors graduating from Richlands High School, Brenda Haesaert; Jennifer Guevara; Sara Rose; Stephanie Erler; Karen Bush-Grohler and Janet Acosta.

The recipients aren't picked solely on academics, said Sandy Vinson, OWC parliamentarian. They are also chosen for social and community involvement.

"Once parents get done feeding and clothing their children for 18 years they really don't have the money to send them to college," said Vinson jokingly. The real reason the OWC raises money for scholarships is because the members truly believe the Air Station is a family, and family takes care of their own.

The OWC started as a social club back in the 40s and evolved into a community organization that's family oriented, said Vinson. It supports the community centers that support the military, and at the same time supports the military families here at the Air Station.

"Anyone taking the time out to go to college should be rewarded," said Johnson. "It's an expensive endeavor and [the OWC] is proud to help those family members out."

Youth Center provides baby-sitting training for young adults

Pfc. Misty D. Salinas
Combat Correspondent

On May 18 and 25, the Station Youth Community Center held its first baby-sitters course.

The idea to hold the course aboard the Station came from information gathered at the Teen Job Fairs held by the Youth Community Center.

"We were looking for something that young adults, between the ages of 12 and 15, could do to earn money for the summer," said Shantelle Britt, Station youth program director.

The eight-hour course is certified by the American Red Cross, and is designed for 11 to 15 years old, said retired Maj. Bill Hickey, executive director MCB Camp Lejeune Armed Services YMCA. The cost of the course is \$20 and is limited to 10 youth per class.

Don't fall for the stereotype that it is only females that baby-sit. Out of a class of ten, there is an average of two to five males attending.

If there is high interest, the course will be offered on Station once a month, said Britt. There tends to be more interest for this type of course in the summer when children are out of school rather than winter, when they have school and school related activities.

The course benefits the youth by providing them with knowledge on first aid and safety as well as age-appropriate activities and infant care.

Attendees learn how to properly carry an infant, warm bottles and change diapers. There are many first aid skills that are taught such as rescue breathing and what to do when someone is choking, which are skills that can be applied at any time, not only when baby-sitting.

The course also teaches by putting students in emergency situations to see how they will respond and teaching the correct procedures.

One example is having a friend call to see if they want to go to the movie while they are baby-sitting. What do they do? They can't leave the child they are watching alone just to go out.

"It's designed to teach them that the responsibility of baby-sitting is first and foremost over anything else, such as friends and going out," said Britt.

For some of the youth, it is their first experience with responsibility, the responsibility of getting and holding a job and of caring for another individual.

Through learning to care for an individual, they will begin to learn valuable leadership skills and traits that will stay with them through any job they hold in the future.

The knowledge gained and lessons taught through the course go far beyond the summer job of baby-sitting and can be utilized throughout the individual's life.

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of the missions of both LINKS and Key Volunteers is to not only educate the spouse on what is going on, but to also provide the support system needed to overcome the turmoil.

In 1995, the LINKS program was developed and then introduced to the area in 1997. It was the first program of its kind to have spouses educating other spouses on the Marine Corps, and sharing first-hand experiences on how they dealt with different situations, said Cheryl Stewart, LINKS team leader.

LINKS 10-hours worth of training to educate new and "seasoned" spouses on different aspects of the Marine Corps, from pay grades and rank to benefits available to Marines and their families. One section is called "Marines Away," which specifically deals with Marines and deployments. It goes over ways to deal with the emotional stress and the resources to make the best of the time that the Marine is away.

LINKS also provides the necessary information and resources for the spouses to continue to find the information needed to answer questions and resolve issues.

"LINKS works on a non-rank structure," said Stewart. "We go by first names here because spouses don't wear rank."

Another program in place is the Key Volunteers network. Key Volunteers is the next step up from LINKS, and is part of the commanders Family Readiness program. Every squadron has its own Key Volunteer network.

The program provides continuing education and special functions and events to keep the spouses informed as to what is going on and to keep them connected to the other spouses that make up their support system. Spouses wishing to become a Key Volunteer must go through classes and training first.

During a deployment, the Key Volunteer network works like a tree. The base of that tree being the Key Volunteer advisor, which is usually the squadron commanding officer's spouse. Under the advisor there are Key Volunteer coordinators and under the coordinators there are Key Volunteers. Every family in the squadron is assigned a Key Volunteer.

Using this tree, anytime a family has an emergency or a problem they can call and there is a support system in place to get the answers they need. The same works in reverse, when any information is received it is passed to the advisor, and the advisor passes down the information to the families.

For more information on the LINKS program, call 451-1299. To obtain more information on the Key Volunteer network, call 449-5343.



Features

Dynamic Mix '02 comes to an end

Ground forces, aircrews work together to create successful training mission in Spain

Cpl. Juan Vara
Combat Correspondent

ZARAGOZA AIR BASE, Spain

- Marines, Sailors, and Airmen from several units aboard MCAS New River, along with personnel from Camp Lejeune, MCAS Cherry Point and MCAS Beaufort, participated in Exercise Dynamic Mix 2002 as part of the Air Combat Element of the 2nd Marine Expeditionary Brigade, June 1 - 5.

Conducted in several locations in Spain, Dynamic Mix is a biannual exercise aimed to maintain combat readiness in NATO's southern region. It was NATO's largest exercise this year and the first NATO exercise conducted in Spain since it joined the organization in 1999.

Local units contributing to the ACE were Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron-266, Marine Light/Attack Helicopter Squadron-167, Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron-461, Marine Aviation

Logistics Squadron-26, Marine Wing Support Squadron-272, and the Headquarters Squadron of Marine Aircraft Group 26.

With elements of Marine aircraft, support and control groups, the ACE provided the 2nd MEB with six of the seven functional missions of Marine aviation.

"Whenever 2nd MEB forms up, they are going to take 6th Marines, MAG 26, and the Brigade Service Support Group from the 2nd Force Service Support Group," said Lt. Col. Timothy A. Herndon, MAG 26 executive officer. "By nature of our task force organization, we [MAG 26] are forced to pull personnel from several groups within the 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing."

According to Herndon, the various 2nd MAW units involved in the exercise hit the ground of Zaragoza Air Base running and quickly merged, forming an ACE capable to perform immediately.

"The mission accomplishment of



Staff Sgt. Gregory K. Funk

Marines storm off a CH-53E Super Stallion during a demonstration for the Spanish Military and media May 27. The Marines gave a quick demonstration on how a Marine Air Ground Task Force can operate at San Gregorio training area during Dynamic Mix 2002.

Marine Wing Support Squadron-272 and Marine Air Control Group-28 was superior," Herndon added. "I'm really satisfied with everyone's superb performance."

1st Lt. Paul L. Greenberg, MAG 26 unit information officer, said all ACE personnel conducted themselves in a very professional and mature manner throughout the exercise.

"For my first deployment it wasn't bad," said Pfc. Stephen J. Proctor, a MAG 26 Headquarters aviation operations specialist. "It was a lot of work but I enjoyed it."

Proctor said his busy schedule never allowed him to go off base and visit the surrounding communities.

"I didn't get to go on liberty around Zaragoza," added Proctor, "but while TAD to Madrid, we worked hard and played hard."

Accompanied by Capt. Robert P. Randazzo, HMM-266 operations officer-in-charge, and Cpl. Nathaniel Doss, MAG 26 Headquarters aviation operations specialist, Proctor went on Temporary Additional Duty to the country's capitol, to attend a four-day course on Integrated Command Control, equipment used by NATO

to track flights.

"Although I was doing something I enjoy doing," Proctor added, "I'm happy to be back and sleep on a soft bed and eat a warm meal."

The end of the exercise was highlighted with a visit to Zaragoza Air Base by Maj. Gen. John F. Goodman, 2nd MEB commanding general. In unannounced visits to several of the squadrons' working areas, Goodman presented several Marines with awards earned for their professional achievements prior to, and during the exercise.

"I think the Marines were impressed that the commanding general went to their working areas and presented the awards," Greenberg stated. "It made a very good impression on all of them."

Aside from blisters, minor cuts, and scrapes and bruises, Herndon said no major medical emergencies took place during the exercise.

"Everyone used operational risk management as taught," said Gunnery Sgt. Franklin W. Barnes, MAG 26 safety chief. "I'm glad everyone was safety conscious while operating in an unknown environment."

The warriors involved in DM '02 started their return to the continental United States on June 7. All aircraft from MCAS New River is back though a small number of personnel remain in Spain ensuring the rest of the gear taken abroad is packed and sent off on its way home.



Cpl. Juan Vara

Marines from the Ground Combat Element of the 2nd Marine Expeditionary Brigade board a CH-46E "Sea Knight" helicopter from Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron-266, while participating on the Marine Air/Ground Task Force demonstration conducted at the San Gregorio Training Area, during Exercise Dynamic Mix 2002.

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Cpl. Juan Vara

Two AH-1W "Super Cobras" from Marine Light/Attack Helicopter Squadron-167 fly over Spain during a simulated close air support mission while participating in Exercise Dynamic Mix 2002.

'Warriors' provide offensive air support in Spain

Cpl. Juan Vara
Combat Correspondent

ZARAGOZA AIR BASE, Spain - Last month, a detachment of "Warriors" from Marine Light/Attack Helicopter Squadron-167 packed their guns and traveled to Spain to participate in Exercise Dynamic Mix 2002, as members of the Air Combat Element of the 2nd Marine Expeditionary Brigade.

While in the Iberian country the ACE operated out of Zaragoza Air Base, located roughly halfway between Madrid and Barcelona, and home to the Spanish Air Force's 15th and 31st Wings.

According to Lt. Col. Steven R. Rudder, squadron commanding officer, the mission of HML/A-167 during DM '02 was to provide the 2nd MEB with offensive air support (OAS).

Accomplished by AH-1W "Super Cobras" and UH-1N "Hueys," OAS is one of the functional missions of Marine aviation. It isolates the battlespace and provides timely and accurate close air support to warfighters on the ground.

Some of the highlights of HML/A-167 while participating in this exercise were rapid deployment aboard C-5s and establishing basic operations within 24 hours upon arrival.

"Within the offensive air support role we did rotary-wing and fixed-wing combined operations," stated Rudder. "Working along with Marine Fighter Attack Squadron-312 we provided Forward Air Controlled (Airborne) missions for fixed-wing strikes."

Captain Brian T. Bruggeman, a squadron "Super Cobra" pilot, said this type of mission is where a section of skid aircraft [either two "Super Cobras", two "Hueys" or a combination of both] acts as a forward air controller and assesses the situation on the battlefield, calling fixed-wing and rotary-wing aircraft to provide fire support to personnel on the ground.

"This is one of our mission essential tasks," said Bruggeman. "Making sure the right weapons hit the right target at the right time."

An important factor when conducting these missions is the type of ordnance the aircraft is armed with.

"For FAC(A) missions we will most likely have a mark," Bruggeman added. "A 2.75 inch white-phosphorous rocket."

Warrant Officer Joshua B. Roberts, ordnance officer for the squadron, said the white-phosphorous rocket is used to mark the target so the fixed-wing aircraft comes in to hit that mark.

The "Warriors" and the "Checkerboards" conducted approximately 20 flights, including live and simulated close air support (SIMCAS) missions. Both squadrons struck tanks and other targets staged aboard the San Gregorio Training Area, the largest military training area in Europe, and the Bardenas Range, 30 miles northwest of Zaragoza.

"The Bardenas Range has great strafing targets," said 1st Lt. Matt G. Humphrey, a Washington, D.C. native and a squadron "Huey" pilot. "These are targets where low-flying aircraft can run their guns over."

According to Humphrey, HML/A-167 is the first helicopter squadron ever to fire upon the Bardenas Range.

"We conducted successful operations throughout the exercise working together side-by-side with the Spaniards," Rudder said. "Marine Light/Attack Squadron-167, Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron-266 and Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron-461 formed a formidable helo-borne task force and completed 100 percent of the 2nd MEB taskings."

The Marines, Sailors and Airmen assigned to HML/A-167 returned to MCAS New River the night of June 9. Aircraft and personnel who participated in the exercise are back in full operational status.

Features

'Patriot' fosters love

Pfc. Misty D. Salinas
Combat Correspondent

"Fostering a child is just like being in the Marine Corps; you do a lot of work for little pay, but the rewards are great," said Cpl. Reginald C. Kossie, Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron-26 engine mechanic.

In March 2001, the Houston native and his wife, Shanikkaw D. Kossie, received their license to be foster parents. The couple has since fostered five children.

Kossie's wife, who stays at home with the children, first brought up the idea of being foster parents, which was something that Kossie was familiar with. Like his wife, who has family members that foster children, Kossie's parents had fostered children.

The Kossie's worked with the Department of Social Services to start the process to become licensed. In addition to paperwork, which included state and federal background checks and fingerprinting, the first thing they had to do was to attend training.

"Model Approach for Partnership in Parenting (MAPP) is 30 hours of training perspective foster/adoptive parents must go through to work with the Department of Social Services," said Chief Warrant Officer Michael D. Richards, Advanced Infantry Training Company executive officer, MCB Camp Geiger, who is also certified through North Carolina to teach MAPP training.

After completing the training and paperwork,

social workers come to inspect the house and do a "home study." A home study is where they inspect the condition of the home, such as cleanliness, maintenance and space. In addition, the fire marshal inspects the safety of the home.

Once all has been completed, the paperwork goes to the Department of Social Services head office in Raleigh, N.C., where it is approved and a license is issued.

"As of now there are 32 licensed foster homes in Onslow County," said Richards. "Of those, 11 are active duty military families, and five are retired military homes."

The first child the Kossie's fostered was in

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Pfc. Misty D. Salinas

Cpl. Reginald C. Kossie, Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron-26 engine mechanic, with his wife, Shanikkaw, and his daughter, Rae'lynn.

Squadron supports Blue Creek Fun Day

Pfc. Misty D. Salinas
Combat Correspondent

The sound of laughter filled the air as the students of Blue Creek Elementary School celebrated their "Fun Day," May 20.

For Marines of Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron-26, this event marked the end of their involvement with the students for this school year.

Marines from MALS-26 have been volunteering their time at Blue Creek Elementary for the past four years as a part of the Marine Corps Adopt-A-School program. Marines volunteer to assist the school for things such as tutoring, special events, helping with maintenance and other various things.

The program allows a unit to "adopt" a school in the area and help in supporting the schools needs.

"I love it," said Lance Cpl. John May, MALS-26 mechanic. "It's a way to give back to the community, help the kids and let them have fun. It gives the kids something to look forward to. They are our next generation of Marines."

Marines of MALS-26 help with events, like "Fun Day," throughout the year. Along with the events, there are 36 Marines that go to the school



Pfc. Misty D. Salinas

Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron-26 Marines helped out with the tug of war game at Blue Creek Elementary's "fun day."

for one hour each week to help tutor the students.

"It is a great program, especially for Marines that are interested in becoming teachers," said Gunnery Sgt. Brian Arnoldussen, MALS-26 supply. "It gives them the chance to work with kids and to get a feel for substitute teaching and teaching."

In addition to the Marines going to the students, the students also get the chance to come to the Marines. MALS-26 has what is called "groundhog shadow day." This gives the students the chance to come to the Station and "shadow"

Marines; a hands-on experience doing what the Marines do.

At this year's "Fun Day" event, approximately 36 Marines volunteered to help set-up and work the event for the students. The event was held all day with students in pre-kindergarten through second grade attending in the morning, and students in third through fifth grade attending in the afternoon.

Students went out on the field where there were different stations set up with different activities. Students had free choice to do whatever they wanted for the time they were out there.

Different stations included such things as potato-sack races, beanbag tosses, football throw, soccer, volleyball, hula-hoop and basketball dunks. The biggest hit of the day seemed to be the tug of war, with competitions between girls and boys, grades and students and teachers.

Students bought tickets to trade in for drinks and snacks. Parents donated the concessions, and the profits made from the ticket sales will be used to help finance new physical education equipment.

All in all, it was a "Fun Day" for both the students, who got the chance to get out and have fun with the Marines who help them throughout the year, and for the Marines, who take the chance to give something back to their community.

Features

Baby, You've got style!

Cpl. Theresa E. Seng
Combat Correspondent

Each day thousands of babies are born all over the world, and every parent knows their baby is the most beautiful baby in the world. But, there are those who take their belief a step further by entering their bundle of joy into a beautiful baby contest.

That is exactly what Gunnery Sgt. Edward R. Moran, the quality assurance chief with Marine Medium Tiltrotor Training Squadron-204, and his wife, Joanne, did.

Sixteen-month-old Dylan Joseph Moran, born Sept. 26, 2000, was entered into the State Sunburst Beauty Pageant and Baby Contest, May 9-12 in Charlotte, N.C., and won.

Dylan's accomplishments started at the Jacksonville Mall where the regional contest was held in March. There he won the contest for "Best Eyes" and was the 0-15 months runner-up for the Eastern North Carolina Region.

"We entered him in the contest after seeing an advertisement in the paper," said Joanne.

"We went for it because of all the comments we receive from the public and friends," said Moran. "Everyone always comments on his looks."

"He is a very happy baby and the first thing that everyone sees is his eyes," said Moran. "He just draws everyone's attention."

"Mothers Day will never be the same for my wife. Her baby won the state title on her day, and I believe I would never have been able to find a present to top that. Imagine being outdone by a 16-month old. I am extremely proud."

The preparation that goes into a competition such as this is not as complicated as the Miss America Pageant, but still requires some work.

The regional, located in Jacksonville, NC, was fairly simple. All that needed to be done was pay the entry fee and show up at the mall. The State was a little more difficult because of the clothing requirements. Dylan had to have a tuxedo and a specific outfit purchased through the pageant for his "Super Model" contest.

Now that he won the state contest Dylan's moving onto the international contest in Atlanta, Ga., where the stakes are higher and preparations take more time.

The international contest has several more categories to participate in, which



courtesy photo

Sixteen-month-old Dylan J. Moran, son of Gunnery Sgt. Edward R. Moran of VMMT-204, shows off his winning trophy from a recent baby pageant.

increases his clothing requirements, and the cost of the contest increases tremendously.

The entry fee for the international contest goes up considerably, so much that the participants need sponsors.

Purchasing advertisement pages in the contestant booklet, which will be seen by major companies and modeling agencies from around the country, will help offset the cost of the contest for them. The sponsor's advertisement page will have Dylan's picture and their advertisement. The cost of the ad pages is \$150, and if 10 are sold, the entry fee for all of Dylan's contests will be paid in full by the pageant.

Some of the categories Dylan will participate in are the beauty and model search, the interview, which is the judges close-up look at the individual contestants, the super model category, the photogenic category, day care ware and swimware, as well as side contests such as the best eyes contest.

The children must participate in all of the side contests to be eligible for the overall winner, where boys and girls from all age brackets are combined.

If Dylan wins the beauty and model contest he will receive a \$250 savings bond for college and if he wins the overall contest there will be a \$1,000 savings bond in his name.

There is also the possibility he will return to the state finals next year, as the "returning king" and participate in the next age group. He may also receive contracts with modeling agencies, contracts for commercials or ads.

Moran said he believed what made his baby stand out from the rest and become the winner of the state competition was his personality.

"We just did this for fun," said Joanne. "We never expected him to win, but when it happened it was really thrilling."

"Our family never thought he would win. We went to the State expecting nothing and walked away with the greatest surprise we could have received," said Moran.

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minutes would undergo enemy fire.

Marines from Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron-14 out of Cherry Point began firing Smokey SAMS (Surface to Air Missile Simulators) near the aircraft to give the effect of an aircraft under fire.

"This is very unique training because the pilots can practice their evasive maneuvers by dodging the SAMS," said Sgt. Christopher A. Dean, MALS-14 aviation ordnance technician.

After the Cobras took out the anti-aircraft defense, four CH-53E Super Stallions and eight CH-46E Sea Knights simulated inserting infantry ground forces to secure the area. For practice purposes, they let down the doors to see how long it would take if there had actually been Marines on board. Successfully simulating the insertion of the battalion, the mission was completed and the helicopters headed home to New River.

With current events taking place, and the uncertainty of when and where Marines may be called to fight, Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron-464, Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron-162, Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron-365 and Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron-269 used the at Carolina Thunder mission to practice the skills that might one day save the lives of many.

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March 2001. It was an 8-year-old boy, who stayed with them for two weeks. They went on to adopt their daughter, Rae'lynn Kossie, in May 2001, when she was 2 days old.

The next foster children they had were two girls, ages 3 and 5, who stayed with them for two months.

"They were rough," said Kossie. "They were good kids, but you couldn't turn your back on them for a minute, they'd be drawing all over the walls or something."

The two children who are with the Kossie's now, a 3-year-old boy and a 6-year-old girl, have been with them since August 2001.

"Foster parenting has been very interesting," said Kossie. "With a child, you never really know what to expect, no matter what the social worker tells you about them or what has happened to them."

"In turn, it helps when raising your own children," said Kossie. "One example would be that you have to sign papers stating that when dealing with the foster children you will use no type of corporal punishment, such as spanking, slapping hands or withholding food. You learn to be more creative when dealing with them, using your imagination and coming up with alternative solutions to problems, all of which gives you more insight when dealing with your own children."

"It also has its rewards," said Kossie. "You get to help them overcome the problems they have faced and go through so many changes with them."

"The Kossie's have done a remarkable job," said Richards. "As a new foster family they have met every challenge head-on. I can think of the two children they have in their care now and have watched those children change their behaviors and social skills, and grow and develop into happy young children. For a young couple they have done very well."

Features

Delalio Elementary gathers community support for school beautification project

Lance Cpl. Andy Anderson
Combat Correspondent

Parents, staff, students and community volunteers gathered together recently to assist in a Delalio Elementary beautification project.

The school's 2001-2002 Parent Teacher Organization obtained money through a series of fund-raising activities aimed toward improving the school's outside grounds as well as its indoor structures.

"We care about the space [the children] come to every day and the area they come to learn in," said Loretta Augustine, project volunteer and mother of 5-year-old Karisa, an upcoming Delalio kindergarten student.

As part of the ongoing project, the volunteers have already re-landscaped the lawn at the front entrance to the schoolhouse and are in the process of placing birdhouses and birdfeeders around the schoolyard, according to Tech Sgt. Quintus E. Woods, CV-22 Electro Environmental instructor, volunteer with the project, and father of 8-year-old Riley, an upcoming Delalio third grade student, and 4-year-old Ryan, an upcoming kindergarten student.

Added to the building's landscape is a monument to former-principal Carla Johnson who passed away April 17, 2001. The memorial consists of a Japanese maple tree and two handcrafted wooden benches.

A pre-existing living memorial to those who lost their lives in support of Operation Desert Storm/Shield was transplanted into a newly lain lava rock bed. Other additions include metal benches and a garden surrounding the school's mar-

quee. Volunteers also repainted the school's welcome sign.

The birdhouses and birdfeeders are part of a project Woods said will help the school's children participate in bird watching.

"We already have the books on birds," explained Woods, "now the kids will be able to see the birds from the classroom windows and identify them using those materials."

Reaching beyond beautifying the school's exterior, project coordinators decided to involve the children in sprucing up the interior.

All of the children in the school were given a ceramic tile to paint using one of 12 templates. After the tiles were painted they were sent to the ceramic studio on MCB Camp Lejeune to be double-fired. The tiles are currently being patterned inside the school's auditorium.

Augustine agreed this particular project gives the children a sense of pride and ownership in the school but went on to explain that "Each child is as important as each tile, but when they're all together they make a great piece through community involvement."

To further engrain this idea, Augustine constructed a legend so the children could see exactly where it was their tile lies within that much greater piece.

Augustine said community involvement was key to the success of the project. Local businesses donated money during the fund-raising drive and one local hardware store offered discounts on supplies.

The Coastal Carolina Community College's continuing education program offers a class on ceramic tile installation. The school worked it into their curriculum so the class' students could gain



Lance Cpl. Andy Anderson

Delalio students painted tiles to help with the school's beautification project.

experience from setting the Delalio tiles while also helping the school finish their project.

"[This is] a testimonial to staff and parent involvement, student involvement, and what the community can do when they come together," said Augustine.

Students, SMP volunteers celebrate 'South West' style

Cpl. Theresa E. Seng
Combat Correspondent

The Marines involved in the Single Marine Program invaded South West Elementary School for an end-of-the-year fun day with the students, May 23.

The fun day took place in the recess yard of the school in celebration of the upcoming summer on one of the last days of school for the students. The Marines manned over 30 different events for the students to participate.

The SMP has pillars of action they follow and one of them is community service, said Allison Sykes, SMP coordinator. This is one of the many things the Marines did this year to give back to the surrounding community.

Dick Gallagher, a physical education teacher at the school, was the motivation behind getting the Marines to participate. Originally Gallagher contacted one of the Marine Aircraft Group sergeants major, and the sergeant major put him in contact with the SMP.

"I coordinated with the Marines

last year, and they were extremely responsive," said Gallagher. "I'm a former Marine, so I look to Marines for help because I know they'll be energetic and responsive. You can always depend on them because they're self-starters and get the job done."

"A lot of students are family members of Marines, so it's good for them to see Marines in action," said Gallagher. "The kids always gravitate to them, and it's like big kids playing with little kids."

The last statement is very true as Sykes noted earlier in the day. As the

Marines set up their stations they started playing with everything even before the kids got out to the field.

The Marines handled about 1,000 students throughout day with the kindergarteners through second graders playing from 9-11a.m., and after lunch it was time for the third through fifth graders to have some fun until 2 p.m.

The day wore on, but the Marines didn't wear out. They led the students in fun throughout the day as the students said farewell to the school year for yet another hot summer.

Features

Marines needed for counterintelligence

Gunnery Sgt. James McCrosky
RotoVue Contributor

You answered a similar call once before, now we're offering you the opportunity to take up another challenge. The Counterintelligence (0211) military occupational specialty is currently accepting applications from eligible Marines.

The principle objective of Counterintelligence is to assist the tactical commander with the accomplishment of the mission and protection of friendly forces.

Counterintelligence is the intelligence function concerned with identifying and counteracting the threat posed by hostile intelligence capabilities and by organizations or individuals engaged in activities within the Counterintelligence "threat spectrum."

The "threat spectrum" is very diverse, ranging from: the collection of friendly information (espionage); the disruption of rear

areas/lines of communication (sabotage); negatively influencing friendly forces and the local population (subversion); conducting non-traditional acts of aggression (terrorism); assassinations, or other intelligence or non-conventional activities conducted by or on behalf of foreign powers; organizations or persons.

Counterintelligence specialists play an integral role in the success of a unit's force protection mission against this threat spectrum. They are responsible for identifying potential threats and recommending measures to counter these threats.

Counterintelligence specialists use various means to identify, collect, process, and report this threat information; all of which are taught during an approximately 18-week formal school. Make no doubt about it, there is nothing easy about making the transition to be a counterintelligence specialist. However, nothing worthwhile ever comes easy.



Counterintelligence/Human Intelligence Eligibility Requirements

- ➔ Be a sergeant or corporal.
- ➔ Must be at least 21 years old.
- ➔ Must have a minimum GT/GCT score of 110.
- ➔ Must be able to speak and write concisely and demonstrate a command of the English language (foreign language aptitude is desirable)
- ➔ Must be an U.S. citizen and eligible for Top Secret/Sensitive Compartmented Information clearance predicated upon a Single Scope Background Investigation
- ➔ Must be willing to reenlist prior to assignment to CI duties Must be screened by CI personnel
- ➔ Be willing to submit to a Test for Espionage and Sabotage polygraph examination.

Interested Marines should contact their Career Planner. The point of contact in the 2d Marine Aircraft Wing for all counterintelligence matters is Gunnery Sgt James McCrosky, staff counterintelligence officer, AC/S G-2, at commercial (252) 466-2882 or DSN 582-2882.

More information on counterintelligence can be found in MCO 3850.1H and MWCP 2-14 (formerly FMFM 3-21).

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MSG Marines make debut on 'big screen'

Sgt. Jeffrey R. Womack
MCAS Beaufort

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION BEAUFORT, S.C.(June 14) - Five-star hotels, coat ladies to keep people warm between scenes, travels to foreign lands and an appearance in a major motion picture...these are just a few benefits a movie star experiences daily while on the job.

These luxuries were spared at no expense for one of Fightertownt's newest warrant officers as he made his acting debut at movie theaters nationwide.

Warrant Officer Bradley J. Goode, Inbound and Deployed Operations officer in charge, Installation Personnel Administration Center, had the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to walk the red carpet with fellow Marines who starred in the world premiere of "The Bourne Identity," June 6.

"It was one of the greatest experiences of my life," the native of Davenport, Iowa, said. "The actual Marines who starred in the movie all showed up in dress blue deltas at the casual dress occasion. With each step we took on the red carpet at Universal Studios, California, the press horded us with photographs and questions. It was an amazing feeling. Not many Marines also get the chance to talk with Brad Pitt, Jennifer Anniston and Rene Russo casually at an after party."

"The Bourne Identity" is an adaptation of Robert Ludlum's novel and a 1988 TV movie about a man who washes up on the shore of the

Mediterranean Seas with a gunshot wound and amnesia. In the search for his identity, Jason Bourne is hunted down by mysterious men. Bourne discovers he has the ability to kill his predators with special powers.

The beginning scenes of the movie take place in an American Embassy with Marines guarding and fighting to defend their territory.

The night of stardom and glamour for Goode was accredited to a phone call he received while stationed at Frankfurt, Germany, in January 2001.

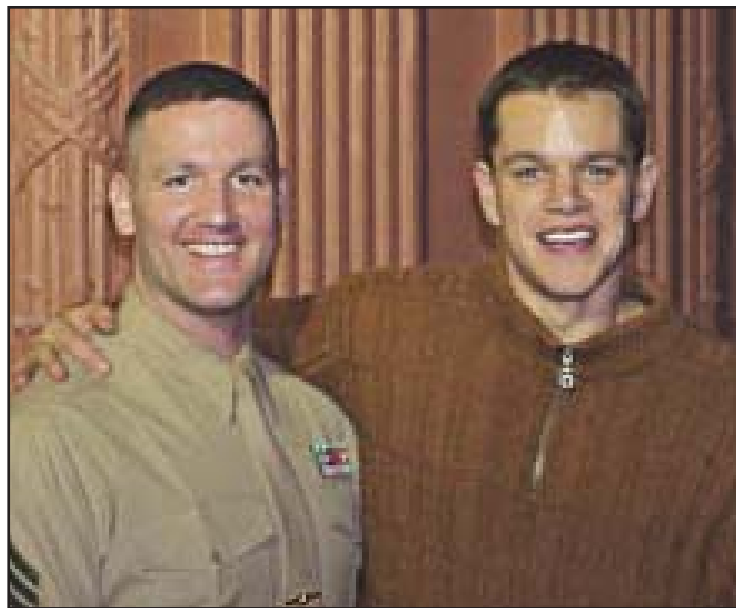
"I was the personnel chief for the Marine Security Guards in Frankfurt, Germany, when I got a call from the executive producer Frank Marshall who needed some real Marines for a movie he was making in Prague," Goode said. "I volunteered myself, got five MSGs from the area together and we each took three and a half weeks of leave to be in this movie."

The only thing required of the Marines to bring to the set, which was an abandoned warehouse designed into a makeshift U.S. Embassy, were their own Marine Corps uniforms - camouflage utilities and dress blue "charlies."

Instead of the Marines asking questions about where they should be in the filming, the moviemakers were asking them, sometimes replying with amazement, how a Marine should be portrayed.

"There are a lot of action scenes with us," Goode said.

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courtesy of WO Bradley J. Goode

Then, Staff Sgt. Bradley J. Goode, administrative chief for Marine Security Guards in Frankfurt, Germany, poses for a photo with Matt Damon on the set of "The Bourne Identity" in Prague, Czech Republic. Goode and a group of MSGs starred in the Universal Pictures production.



Features

24th MEU completes two work-up exercises

Sgt. Zachary A. Bathon
24th MEU Public Affairs

CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C.(June 13) -- Marines of the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit are two steps closer to stepping off on their routine six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea after successfully completing their Amphibious Ready Group Exercise (ARGEX) and Supporting Arms Coordination Exercise (SACEX).

Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron-263

is the Aviation Combat Element for the 24th MEU.

During ARGEX, the MEU worked hand-in-hand with their Navy counterparts of the USS Nassau Amphibious Ready Group to conduct a number of missions to include several mass casualty drills, embassy reinforcement, Humanitarian Assistance (HA) operations, several raids and a Noncombatant Evacuation Operation (NEO).

During SACEX, the MEU also fine-tuned its supporting arms fire capabilities.



Lance Cpl. Jeff Sisto

BLT 2/2, Weapons Co. members practice firing 81 mm mortar rounds during the 24th MEU's Supporting Arms Coordinating Exercise held June 11 and 12.

(Left) Marines from Weapons Co., BLT 2/2, 24th MEU, search simulated American citizens for weapons during a Noncombatant Evacuation Operation.



Sgt. Zachary A. Bathon



Lance Cpl. Jeff Sisto

(Above) Sgt. Gustavo Gonzalez, Motor Transportation NCO, from Brownsville, Texas and Sgt. Timothy Haluorson, an Electrician from Cocoa Beach, Fla. of MSSG-24 set up a generator-powered lighting system during a Humanitarian Assistance operation conducted by the 24th MEU.

(Right) A riot is quelled by members of Co. G, BLT 2/2, 24h MEU, during a Humanitarian Assistance operation conducted June 9.



Lance Cpl. Jeff Sisto

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Gunnery Sgt. Keith A. Milks

Members of the 22nd MEU took a needed break from training to visit a beach in an undisclosed location.

22nd MEU takes needed break

Gunnery Sgt. Keith A. Milks
22nd MEU Public Affairs

After more than three months into their deployment, having experienced only a two-day port visit to Souda Bay, Crete, the Marines and Sailors of the 22d Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable) recently hit the beach in an undisclosed country for a much deserved break.

For four days, the beach, once home only to side-shuffling hermit crabs, was dubbed 'China Beach' and hosted a steady stream of Navy and Marine visitors from USS Wasp, Trenton, and Oak Hill.

Each day, the members of the MEU and Wasp Amphibious Ready Group were ferried to the beach in a landing craft, utility (LCU) and allowed to spend several hours wading in the clear blue-green water or sunning themselves on the clean white sand.

Unlike prior deployments, where the 22d MEU (SOC) was able to visit a number of liberty ports in addition to fulfilling its operational and training requirements, its current deployment in the war against terrorism has prohibited such port visits. The beachgoers were able to enjoy the brief shore visit under the umbrella of protection provided by Golf Company, Battalion Landing Team 2d Battalion, 6th Marines, the MEU's ground combat element.

Although a few hours on a desolate beach compares poorly against a visit to such exotic locales as Malta or Naples, the time off the boats of the Wasp ARG was a welcomed break.

"It was well worth the trip," said Lance Cpl. Robert J. Meyer, of Sarasota, Florida, operations clerk for the MEU's Command Element. "It was good seeing the ship from the beach and not the other way around."

For more information on the 22d MEU (SOC), visit the unit's website at www.22meu.usmc.mil.

22nd MEU passes 'over the hump'

Gunnery Sgt. K. A. Milks
22nd MEU Public Affairs

CENTRAL COMMAND AREA OF OPERATIONS (June 14, 2002) -- For sea-going Marines and Sailors, the words 'hump day' have a special connotation. They signify that half of their journey is over and they are now on the downward slide of their deployment.

The 22d Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable), currently embarked aboard the USS Wasp, Oak Hill, and Trenton, recently hosted a number of hump day activities to celebrate reaching the halfway point of their stint as the landing force for the U.S. Fifth and Sixth Fleets. The MEU left North Carolina in late February with the expectations of undertaking a six-month deployment.

"Hump day helps the morale of the Marines and Sailors a lot," said Cpl. Michael C. Constant, a computer specialist with the MEU's Command Element. "It is one of the few things we get to do that is fun and out of the normal work day routine."

Aboard the Wasp, one of the most noticeable indicators that this day was unlike most others was the apparel of the Marines and Sailors prowling the ship's passage-

ways, or P-ways. Instead of Navy dungarees and tri-color camouflage utilities, civilian clothes for non-duty personnel were the uniform of the day, a rare luxury not seen by many since the MEU's only port visit 11 weeks earlier in Souda Bay, Crete.

The day's activities centered around a number a Morale, Welfare and Recreation-sponsored events such as skeet shooting, a three-on-three basketball tournament, a golf chipping contest, tug-of-war, card and board games, and various other activities. Proceeds from the events' nominal entry fees were awarded to the winners.

Petty Officer 2nd Class Andrew J. Duprey is the MEU's religious programmer and serves as assistant to the MEU Chaplain. He said the hump day activities gave the MEU and the ships' crews a well-deserved break.

"I think it really helped morale," said Duprey, a Plattsburgh, New York native. "Anytime we do anything out of the ordinary it changes our routine, which is good. This way we don't become complacent."

Constant agrees with Duprey about the benefits of hump day.

"It helps break up the monotony of floating for six months and gives the



Lance Cpl. Robert A. Sturkie

A Marine from HMM-261 (Reinforced), the aviaiton combat element of the 22d MEU (SOC), sights down range during a chipping contest on the flight deck of the USS Wasp. The chipping contest was one of several MWR-sponsored activities the Wasp Amphibious Ready Group used to celebrate its 'hump day' signifying the half-way mark of its deployment.

Marines and Sailors a chance to interact on a social level and look positively on the next three months."

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"They would ask us how a Marine would clear a room or climb stairs. They also let us use actual tactics in the instance of an embassy attack. We showed them everything from the way we walk, sweep a room with our weapons and verbally communicate in the instance of an attack. We even used the new protective vests embassy guards now

wear. Everything was authentic MSG gear. The only thing different from the real thing was our weapons - we used Uzis and fake nine millimeters."

Even though a week of filming Marines in action was edited down to 15 to 20 minutes, Goode saw the opportunity to be in a major

motion picture as rewarding.

"It was the best paid vacation I ever had," Goode said. "It was our chance to represent the Corps in a good way. If I ever received another phone call from Frank Marshall asking me and a few other Marines to be in another movie, I'd do it in a heartbeat."

Features

Do you know what's going into your body?

Quick-fix health remedies may do more harm than good

Sgt. Christine C. Odom
Combat Correspondent

Of all the standards Marines are expected to uphold, being physically fit is one of the highest. Some individuals find it difficult to meet this expectation and will often find ways to motivate themselves to be better. The pressure of being unfit may encourage individuals to find quick-fix remedies, oftentimes in the form of dietary supplements and weight loss products.

Many individuals are unaware of the effects when taking dietary supplements and often rely on what friends recommend instead of speaking with a physician. Research has shown, individuals who take certain vitamins can improve their health while other types of supplements damage their bodies.

The Marine Corps does not endorse the use of supplements. They strongly discourage the use because of the possible adverse effects and because some products contain ingredients which may trigger a positive result on a drug test. Not only could these products harm one's body, but it can also end a person's career. Taking the time to research products and speak with a physician could help to distinguish the beneficial products from the harmful ones.

"I don't recommend taking supplements," said Natalie L. Neumann, registered dietitian with MCCS Prevention and Education Division, Camp Lejeune. "Individual's who take supplements are putting themselves at risk."

The FDA does not regulate dietary supplements; this means there are no quality standards in place to ensure what can be put into a product. Without regulations, the product labels do not have to be accurate. Some products may contain impuri-

ties such as dangerous pesticide residues, chemical contaminants, or heavy metals such as lead and mercury.

"How can they be so certain about something that isn't FDA regulated?," said Neumann.

More than 20,000 products are currently on the market and the FDA has reviewed only a small percentage of them. Assuming all these products were safe would be a mistake. There are a variety of supplements on the shelves which claim to improve health and fitness but are doing otherwise. Many of these supplements can have severe side effects and render a person disabled or even cause death. Other possible side effects include rapid heart rate, increased blood pressure, rapid weight loss or gain, liver damage, kidney failure and psychosis.

"Anytime individual's take supplements they risk their health," said John Swette, certified nutritionist at the Branch Medical Clinic, New River. "They just don't know what they're putting in their bodies."

Even though individuals run the risk of receiving severe side effects, they still continue to take supplements. Supplements have become a big part of most individuals' lives. Their popularity soared in 1998 after Mark McGwire hit a record 70 home runs for the St. Louis Cardinals. McGwire admitted to taking a supplement called androstenedione, also known as andro.

Andro is a steroid hormone that occurs naturally in the body. This supplement is believed to boost athletic performance, but clinical trails have shown that andro does not increase muscle strength or improve athletic performance. Instead, it causes behavioral, sexual and reproductive problems, liver and muscle disorders and increases risk of heart disease.

"Androstenedione shouldn't be taken if your



family has a history of illness'," said Lt.j.g. Angela Campbell, assistant department head for Nutrition Management, Camp Lejeune Naval Hospital. "It's a steroid supplement that hasn't been regulated by the FDA."

Another possibly harmful product is ephedra, also known as ephedrine or ma huang, an herbal supplement usually taken for weight loss. It has been the focus of a battle between the FDA and supplement manufacturers for over three years. The FDA used independent investigators to study the effects of ephedra and found it to be more dangerous than originally thought.

Ephedra contains stimulants, including the alkaloids ephedrine, pseudoephedrine and norepseudoephedrine, as well as various tannins and related chemicals. The adverse effects from these chemicals include hypertension (elevated blood pressure), palpitation (rapid heart rate), neuropathy (nerve damage), myopathy (muscle injury), psychosis, stroke and memory loss. For these reasons, the Marine Corps has taken ephedra off its shelves.

Marines have been known to combine ephedra with other stimulants such as caffeine to increase energy, but combining these products could cause serious health problems as a result of an overdose in stimulants.

The Marine Corps has grown increasingly aware of all the dangers when using these products and has turned its focus on helping Marines acquire more knowledge about supplements and proper food nutrition. These programs assist in informing Marines of the importance of maintaining good health and physical performance without the use of artificial products.

"I did some research on the supplements I'm

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Features

Boy Scouts bike for badges

Lance Cpl. Andy Anderson
Combat Correspondent

Boy Scouts from the Air Station's Troop 216 recently set out on a 150-mile trek to earn the organization's Cycling Merit Badge.

Badge requirements are geared toward teaching young scouts the proper ways of riding, fixing and maintaining a bicycle while also helping them learn first aid techniques and local laws associated with cycling, according to Gunnery Sgt. Rick Robinson, assistant scoutmaster with Troop 216 and maintenance chief for Bravo Company, Maintenance Bn., MCB Camp Lejeune.

After learning the ins and outs of cycling, the scouts began with two ten-mile rides which serve as warm ups to the rides that will follow. This also helps the scouts know if their bikes are suitable for future rides.

"The first time we went out there were a few scouts who brought BMX bikes to ride," said Robinson. "They learned pretty quick that kind of bike isn't easy to ride for a long distance."

Robinson said the first two ten-milers also helped prepare the scoutmasters for what to expect. Initially the leaders of Troop 216 had a hard time keeping the scouts in line and together, but after teaching a few new road commands and grouping them in teams of two, Robinson said they were ready for the next leg of the journey.

The next 130 miles is broken down into two 15-milers, two 25-milers and one 50-miler. The 50-mile ride has to be done in less than eight hours.

The rides may seem a bit lengthy for these teenagers to be challenging themselves with,

but, according to Felix Acuña, scoutmaster for Troop 216, challenge is the key word.

"Some of these kids haven't biked more than a block before," said Acuña. "To stick it out for the first ten miles and then the next 15 miles, and so on, is great for them. It shows them that some things might not be so easy to finish, but if they stay with it they can accomplish anything."

Accomplished they will be, but, according to Robinson, the Boy Scouts of America is providing these teenagers with much more than structure, such as a safe environment, and a way to meet friends - especially when dealing with military children.

"Say a father goes on float, or even if there's just a single parent, this is a good place for them to get the male leadership they need in their life," explained Robinson.

Acuña added that the organization also helps provide the teenagers with direction. "We help open their minds to new fields they might be interested in so, by the time they get out of high school, they will have tinkered with a lot of different things and maybe have a better idea of what they want to pursue."

All in all, the Boy Scouts of America is an organization that provides young, growing teenagers with a safe, learning environment to help them grow into young men who make positive contributions to society.

"There's so much trash out there for the kids to pick up on," remarked Acuña. "If a parent wants their kid to grow up safe, the Boy Scouts is the place for them."

For further information about the program, contact Acuña at 455-7843, or Sharon Dudley, committee chairman, at 347-1930.

BRAVO ZULU

HMM-263 'Thunder Eagles'

Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal:
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Promotions:
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Cpl. J.J. Kisamore
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Lance Cpl. M.J. Nelson
Lance Cpl. M.B. Shirley

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Promotions:
Sgt. B.D. Bacon
Sgt. D.P. Mitchell
Sgt. N.A. Tyciak III
Cpl. C.E. Keefer
Cpl. J.S. Meyer
Cpl. J.S. Sakellar
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Lance Cpl. J.L. Jenkins
Lance Cpl. Q.C. Saevre
Pfc. J.M. Baker

DIET

taking," said Staff Sgt. Michael J. Trower, senior drill instructor, 3rd Recruit Battalion Parris Island, currently attending a training course aboard Camp Geiger. "Proper education on supplements would work wonders."

At the recommendation of his friends, Trower began taking weight gain and energy boosting supplements. His goal was to become stronger and increase his weight to 200 pounds. While taking these supplements, he was motivated to hit the gym and workout harder because he felt it would increase the effectiveness of the supplement. He believes that his growth and build in strength was a direct result from his taking supplements and found it to speed up his muscle gaining process. Trower did not have any side effects and is still continuing

to take supplements.

"I have been taking these products since September of last year and it's worked for me, but I wouldn't recommend anyone else to take them," said Trower.

Trower is not alone in presuming that supplements help individual's achieve their goal of looking fit and having more energy. There are many Marines just like him who have experienced similar success with supplements.

"I started taking supplements because I really don't eat right," said Pfc. Steven W. McGuire, fiscal clerk with Staff Academy Supply, Camp Geiger. "It was a quick way for me to trim down."

McGuire had been taking a combination of weight loss and energy boosting products to

become leaner and reduce his waistline. He also wanted to enhance his physical performance while improving his physical appearance. This was exactly the encouragement he needed to begin and continue his physical training. Being a Marine and looking the part has boosted his morale and he feels confident about the decision he made. Although McGuire didn't have any problems when taking the supplements for a temporary boost, he is no longer taking them.

"There is no doubt that they're going to help lose the weight, but at what expense to their bodies," said Dakota Cronds, certified personal trainer with MCCA Fitness Division, New River. "Sure they're getting what they want now, but is it really worth it?"

GOING FOR THE GOAL!

story and photos by,
Pfc. Misty D. Salinas

Two New River Marines represent on All-Marines Women's Soccer Team



1st Lt.
Adrienne Z. Meelarp
Marine Aircraft Group 29

1st Lt. Adrienne Z. Meelarp, Marine Aircraft Group 29 ground supply officer, who joined the Marine Corps to gain a little life experience, built on that when she competed with the All-Marine Women's Soccer Team.

Rotovue: What do you hope to get out of being on the team?

Meelarp: I hope that being on the team will give me a better sense of females in the Marine Corps, and working with others in an environment different from everyday Marine Corps life.

Rotovue: How do you deal with defeat?

Meelarp: I do not like losing, but I just try to analyze the game in my head to see what we as a team could have done better and try to go out the next time and do a better job.

Rotovue: Why do you enjoy soccer so much?

Meelarp: I enjoy soccer because it is a fluid game with no time outs or huddles on the field. Decisions have to

The Willingboro, N.J., native has been involved in soccer since she was 5 years old, earning a spot on the All-Armed Forces Team and participating in the Couseil International du Sport Militaire Championship.

be made on the spot and you have to think two steps ahead of your opponent. When under pressure you have to maintain composure and wait for the right time to attack. It is just a great game.

Rotovue: What aspect of playing soccer carries over into your Marine Corps career, or vice versa?

Meelarp: It helps when taking a leadership role on the field. Since I was the Captain of the team, you have to keep the team focused and working hard even when things are not going your way.

Rotovue: What are your future goals?

Meelarp: My future goals are to keep playing soccer and hopefully help the Marine Team win the All Armed Forces Championship.



Lance Cpl.
Dana L. Johnson
Marine Aviation Logistics
Squadron-29

Lance Cpl. Dana L. Johnson, Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron-29 aviation supply, who joined the Marine Corps to continue with fitness, and to see if the

military was the way for her, has been in the Corps for a year and seven months. The Cobleskill, N.Y., native has been involved in soccer since she was 10 years old.

Rotovue: What do you do to prepare for a game?

Johnson: I get a lot of rest, suck down a lot of fluids and just think about what I can do better in the games to come, than I have done in the past.

Rotovue: What is your training regimen?

Johnson: We were practicing for six hours a day. We did sprints and running in the morning. In the afternoon we did ball work.

Rotovue: What is your advice for other Marines wanting to get involved in one of the All-Marine Teams?

Johnson: Go and try out, there's nothing to lose and at least you will know what to work on for the years to come.

Rotovue: Who is your idol/mentor, and why?

Johnson: It will always be Mia Hamm, she's just an awesome player.

Rotovue: How do you think having All-Marine Teams benefits the morale of the Marine Corps?

Johnson: It's real motivating to go and train for so many weeks and then go and represent the Corps against all the other armed forces.

Rotovue: What is your most memorable moment from a game?

Johnson: Sliding, and taking a player on the other team out!

Rotovue: What are your future goals?

Johnson: To continue playing soccer and going out for the All-Marine team again next year.

Sports

Military, civilian law enforcers carry flame of hope for charity

Cpl. Andrew W. Miller
Combat Correspondent

JACKSONVILLE, N.C.- The Provost Marshal's Office aboard Marine Corps Air Station New River and Camp Lejeune joined forces with the Jacksonville Police Department to continue the Special Olympics torch's annual journey across North Carolina, May 21.

The Law Enforcement Torch Run is an international event providing sports training and competition for approximately one million people who have mental retardation or a related disability. There are 26,400 athletes participating in the Special Olympics of North Carolina on average each year.

Across North Carolina, there are approximately 4,000 law enforcement officers that will participate in this run and try to raise money for the Special Olympics of North Carolina. Preparations for the event included ordering 40,000 t-shirts and 10,000 baseball caps for sale. The 2001 North Carolina Torch Run raised approximately \$1.23 million. This year's sights were set on raising \$1.35 million.

Running as a platoon, members of the JPD ran the torch from the JPD to the Jacksonville city limits to contribute their part of the torch's 2,000 mile 16 day journey. Thereafter, the Marines took over.

Although the torch was relayed in one-mile increments, some Marines chose to run that extra mile (in some cases, close to 20 miles) as 16 Marines from New River and Camp Lejeune carried the torch across Onslow County and north on highway 258 into Kinston.

"This run gave us an opportunity to show the community that we care and helped us build on the camaraderie with the local law enforcement community and our

fellow Marines," said Master Sgt. Paul A. Lee, New River PMO. "It's important to let the civilian population know we are doing something to support and strengthen the relationship between the civilian and military community."

Along the way, members of the community waved and honked their car horns in support of the runners.

"When the run starts to get you down and you just want to quit, you hear a horn and look to see a civilian cheering you on. This puts new life into your feet," said John Ricker, Jacksonville Police Department.

Journeying to Kinston was long and rigorous, but the Marines were doing it for a good cause.

"The run was tough but the support we received and the opportunity to work side-by-side with the JPD was outstanding," said Lance Cpl. Eric M. Guevara, New River PMO. "It's a privilege and honor to work hand-in-hand with our civilian counterparts."

After the approximate 43-mile trip to Kinston, the torch was handed over by Master Sgt. Lee to Sgt. Jessica Stafford, Kinston Police Department. The KPD carried the torch to Greenville, May 23 in route to the final destination in Raleigh, N.C.

"Just like the Summer and Winter Olympic games, as soon as the torch reaches its destination, the Special Olympics games opening ceremony will begin," said Ricker.

Support for such charitable causes like this from law enforcement officers, whether they are military or civilian, benefits not only the Special Olympics, but also those involved and those in the community who witness this type of bonding in this military community.



Cpl. Theresa E. Seng

An MCAA golf tournament, held May 31, raised \$8,000 for The New River Aviation Memorial Foundation.

Golf tournament raises money for memorial foundation

Cpl. Theresa E. Seng
Combat Correspondent

The Igor Sikorsky Squadron of the Marine Corps Aviation Association held a charity golf tournament at the Quaker Neck Country Club in Trenton, N.C., May 31.

The tournament raised \$8,000 for the non-profit MCAA organization, which donates money to support worthy causes within the aviation community.

For this particular fund-raiser, Lt. Col. Robert E. Milstead, Marine Aircraft Group 29 commanding officer and president of the Igor Sikorsky Squadron, chose to use the contributions from local businesses to help the New River Aviation Memorial Foundation, said Capt. David J. Persons, tournament coordinator. "The foundation was especially important because it is a memorial to honor our brothers stationed aboard New River who have been killed in aviation mishaps. We believe it's important to keep their memory alive."

The tournament had 124 golfers, active duty and civilian, broken down into 31 four-man teams. The golfers played "super ball" where after teeing off they play from the ball closest to the pin.

"Our members are very patriotic and are always happy to support the military especially in the aftermath of Sept. 11. We are proud to aid our local Marines in any way," said Steve Wimmer, country club general manager and head golf professional.

"It's been about five years since the mishap that spawned the memorial foundation and it's so nice to know people who served with my husband and the others who were killed, as well as those who never even met them, care enough to be a part of raising this money for their memory," said Andra D. Reventlow, secretary, treasurer of the New River Aviation Memorial Foundation. "We're all very touched and thankful to the Igor Sikorsky Squadron for their support."



Cpl. Andrew W. Miller

The New River and Camp Lejeune Provost Marshal's Office participated in the Law Enforcement Torch Run in support of the Special Olympics, May 21.

Happenings

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	9:30 p.m.	Changing Lanes	PG-13
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June 23	3 p.m.	The Scorpion King	PG-13
	6 p.m.	Changing Lanes	PG-13
June 24	12:30 p.m.	Tarzan	
	7 p.m.	The Scorpion King	PG-13
June 26	7 p.m.	Jason X	R
June 28	7 p.m.	Life or Something Like It	PG-13
	9:30 p.m.	Jason X	R
June 29	7 p.m.	Life or Something Like It	PG-13
	9:30 p.m.	Jason X	R
June 30	3 p.m.	Life or Something Like It	PG-13
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MARINE CORPS KNOWLEDGE

Knowledge is Power:

Marine reading program strives to enhance leadership

Staff Sgt. Nikki Clingerman
MCAS Beaufort Public Affairs

The U.S. Marine Reading Program, previously referred to as the "Commandant's Reading List," is another means provided to help Marines excel, enhance leadership and enrich them with knowledge.

Commandant of the Marine Corps, Gen. J. L. Jones, established the new name of the program in an effort to, "create a sense of personal ownership of our reading program by each Marine," according to a statement printed in All Marine Message 026/00.

In addition to the renaming of the program, the Commandant also refers to it as, "Strength of the Pack-Strength of the Wolf." His goal being that of linking the past to our future by reading and discussing books on Marine Corps heritage, strategy, doctrine, training and tactics, amongst

our peers, leaders and troops.

The self-paced program is designed to allow for Marines to read and discuss as teachers and scholars. Marines are encouraged to make time for reading, as they would other training, according to the order. It states, "It is not enough though to read alone, we must read and discuss."

The books are selected and maintained by the Marine Reading Board at the Marine Corps University. Marines of any rank, however, have the ability to make an impact on the list and are encouraged to read and send in their review of the book to MCU.

Within the pages of many of the selected books, Marines are able to evaluate the values of honor, courage and commitment and how predecessors applied values such as these to help them through battles and strategic planning of events from the past.

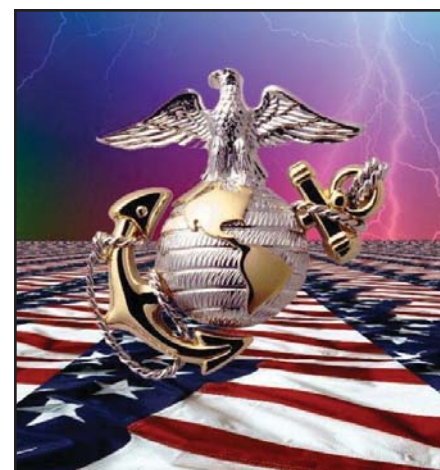
Books such as "Blackhawk

Down," by Mark Bowden; "Battle Cry," by Leon Uris; and "My American Journey," by Colin Powell, are just a few of the 186 books currently on the list.

Complete information on the program can be found on the web by logging on to www.mcu.usmc.mil/reading/readinglist.htm. On the website, Marines can find a list of the Commandant's favorites as well as link to Marine Corps University where Marines can nominate new books to be added to the list.

The program, however, is not all about reading and writing, it is a tool that leaders can use to learn more about their Marines and set them up for success.

According to the order, reporting seniors are encouraged to use fitness report counseling as an opportunity to discuss reading and to give appropriate credit to Marines in the intellect



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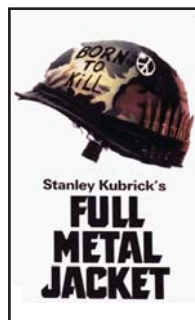
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Knowledge is one of the Marine Corps' leadership traits and is defined as the understanding of a science or an art. A range in which one's information, including professional knowledge and understanding of their Marines, is used as a leadership tool.

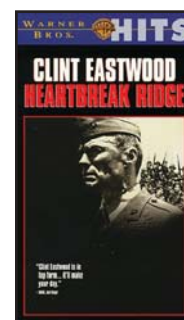
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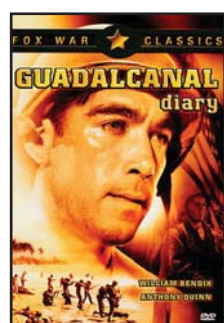
Jack Nicholson gives one of his most memorable, although brief, performances in this military courtroom drama based on the play of the same name. Tom Cruise and Demi Moore also star.



Stanley Kubrick's entry in the Vietnam War genre looks at the trials of basic training and combat during the Tet Offensive. Starring Matthew Bodine.



A gung-ho gunnery sergeant whips a group of young Marines into shape for the invasion of Grenada. According to fans of the film, Clint Eastwood's performance alone is worth the price of admission.



Released in 1943, while the United States was still at war, this film depicts the struggle of the Marine Corps to take Guadalcanal from the Japanese, which would eventually turn the tide of the war in the Pacific.



This popular World War II film follows a group of recruits who are turned into a top-notch fighting force by "The Duke" himself. John Wayne earned an Oscar nomination.



Samuel L. Jackson plays Colonel Terry Childers, a Marine who is held responsible for a massacre at a U.S. embassy in Yemen. Defending Childers is a recently retired colleague.